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It's not a beautiful day for U2 fans

POSTPONED Upcoming U2 shows in Toronto, Montreal and Edmonton have been postponed as lead singer Bono recovers from back surgery.

A statement on the band's website said a string of concerts beginning in Salt Lake City June 3 and ending in New Jersey July 19 will be rescheduled for 2011.

That includes a scheduled gig in Edmonton June 23, one in Toronto July 3 and two in Montreal July 16 and 17.

The band's website said concertgoers should hold on to their tickets until further information is available.

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CTV PHOTO

Jake Gyllenhaal flashes his superstar smile at CTV's downtown headquarters while filming Jake Gyllenhaal: Live At etalk to promote his new film, The Prince Of Persia. The special episode of etalk airs today at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on CTV. More coverage, page 34.

'Legally justified'

Charges against Bryant in cyclist's death withdrawn

A former attorney general once considered to be a top contender for Ontario premier received a political reprieve yesterday after criminal charges stemming from his fatal encounter with a bike courier were withdrawn.

Michael Bryant

While he remained tight-lipped about his future, Michael Bryant has been spared the ordeal of a lengthy trial on charges of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving.

An independent prosecutor determined there was little chance of conviction.

"To be honest, I haven't really thought about much other than getting through this experience one day at a time," Bryant said at a news conference.

"And I don't know what the future holds. I do know that I've got some legal bills to pay and that I will be going back to work."

The charges were laid last September following the death of Darcy Allan Sheppard, 33, after a late-night altercation with Bryant in the tony Yorkville district. But in a rare show of co-operation between the defence and prosecution, new evidence was uncovered that made a conviction unlikely.

Sheppard had a history of aggressive behaviour with drivers, including one alleged incident that happened just a few hours before his death, court heard. He also had about twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, according to a post-mortem toxicology report.

"Our conclusion is that Mr. Bryant had been attacked by a man who unfortunately was in a rage," independent prosecutor Richard Peck said outside court. "In such circumstances he was legally justified in attempting to get away. The case could not be proved." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Permanent place on Parliament Hill for Chrétien

OTTAWA The gallows humour and self mockery are still there, along with the sharp elbows and finely tuned partisan antennae.

Jean Chrétien, the three-time majority Liberal prime minister who some in his own party couldn't wait to be rid of, returned yesterday to Parliament Hill — this time to stay.

His stern portrait, cooly staring back at viewers from a brilliant golden backdrop, joins 19 other prime ministerial paintings on the limestone walls of the Centre Block.

Chrétien lavished praise on Canada and the health of its democracy, stoutly defended its political class, and slyly burnished his international credentials while poking fun at his own reputation for pork barrel politics.

"Coming under the Peace Tower today again, I could not but to remember all I've learned here. But it's all about Canada ...," he said near the end of a 15-minute speech that meandered but never stalled.

"There's probably not one riding that I've not been there to raise money for the Liberal party," he added to a smattering of laughs that soon became a roar.

"According to several of my predecessors as leader of the Conservatives, the hanging of Jean Chrétien is long overdue," Prime Minister Stephen Harper quipped to laughter.

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MIller gets third term

The Ontario government has appointed Gord Miller to a third term as the province's environmental commissioner. Miller has been Ontario's environmental watchdog since 2000. He was one of three people who had been asked to compete for their jobs when the government decided not to renew their contracts earlier this year. The others were ombudsman Andre Marin and integrity commissioner Lynn Morrison. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Two dead as plane crashes into building

Small plane was 500m from airport in Markham

The pilot and a passenger of a small plane were killed yesterday when the aircraft crashed into an office building less than 500 metres from Buttonville Airport, officials said.

The four-seater, single-engine aircraft was trailing a thin plume of white smoke and banked over a parking lot before it crashed through the roof of Thinkway Toys, just north of Toronto.

A section of the Cirrus SR20 could be seen on the roof, at Woodbine Avenue and Hooper Road, engulfed in flames following the crash. The blaze was quickly doused by emergency crews.

There were no serious injuries in the building.

"It has been confirmed that there were two people in the airplane," said Dennis Flaherty, a spokesman for the Town of Markham.

"It had just stopped down in Buttonville temporarily and had just taken off from Buttonville and was experiencing problems when it crashed."

Markham Fire Chief Bill Snowball said structural concerns with the building were preventing them from getting to the plane. From what they could see, Snowball added, the pilot and the passenger were dead.

The plane normally flies out of Burlington, some 70 kilometres away, but was having work done on its radio. The pilot didn't file a flight plan because of the short distance, so officials did not immediately know who was on board, said Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

Markham EMS said there were two minor injuries among the employees of Thinkway Toys, which makes products for the new Toy Story movie.

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A firefighter runs in front of Thinkway Toys yesterday in Markham as the remains of an aircraft burn on the roof. Two people died when a Cirrus SR20 crashed into the building, just 500 metres from the Buttonville Airport.

UFC plans to open an office in Toronto

SPORTS Looking to further mine already fertile ground in Canada, the UFC is opening an office in Toronto with former CFL commissioner Tom Wright at the helm.

"Thank you for coming to the 'We love Canada' press conference," UFC president Dana White said in kicking off proceedings on a dais decorated with six Canadian flags.

The UFC sees Canada — which White has dubbed "the mecca" of mixed martial arts — as its second biggest market outside of the U.S., accounting for some 17 per cent of its overall business.

While Ontario continues to resist sanctioning the sport, the UFC denied opening a Toronto office was a symbolic move.

"It makes sense to be here from a business standpoint," said co-owner Lorenzo Fertitta.

Added White: "It's got to the point where Canada is so big and continuing to grow, it was time. It's probably overdue ... To not have an office here is insane."

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TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Director of Canadian operations Tom Wright, right, and UFC president Dana White announce plans yesterday for a new Canadian office.

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Thousands charged over weekend

JUSTICE Provincial police say officers issued more than 6,000 charges over the Victoria Day weekend.

Police say four people were killed in three separate collisions on highways patrolled by provincial officers over the long weekend.

There were no boating or ATV fatalities.

Provincial police say officers laid 5,737 speeding charges over the weekend.

In addition, there were 471 seatbelt charges, 139 impaired driving charges and 121 warnings issued.

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News in brief

ASSAULT A Toronto bus driver escaped with just minor injuries after being fired at with a Roman candle Monday night in the city's north end. Police say the driver was assaulted as he pulled to the curb just after 12:30 a.m. to let passengers off in the Finch-Driftwood area. When the door opened, someone fired about six projectiles from the Roman candle directly at the driver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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At a press conference yesterday, Toronto police Det. Justin Vander Heyden reveals the identity of the body that was found in a barrel filled with concrete in Lake Ontario this past weekend. The man is Quang Lu, who is believed to have had links to organized crime.

Body in barrel ID'd

Quang Lu had ties to organized crime: Police

Toronto police have cracked the mystery of a concrete-encased body found in a rusted barrel hoisted from Lake Ontario.

Det. Justin Vander Heyden said the "well-preserved" remains have been identified as Quang Lu, 47, who had ties to Asian organized crime.

Lu, who was known to police and went by the nickname "the Black Ghost," had no regular job and no obvious source of income, Vander Heyden said.

"Given that it did appear that Mr. Lu did live quite a high-risk lifestyle ... at this point I'd be foolish to say we're not entertaining that there's a criminal organization angle to this," he said.

"We are diligent about keeping an open mind in terms of who may have done this to him and disposed of him in this way."

Lu was identified through fingerprint analysis and his left index finger was known to be severed above the knuckle, which also helped investigators make the positive identification. Police are not looking for any more of his remains.

The divorced father of one disappeared in late October or early November 2007, said Vander Heyden, adding his family reacted with "numbness and shock" at news of his grisly end.

Toronto police are asking for the public's help in locating Lu's car, a 2004 silver-grey BMW. The two-door convertible could provide key forensic evidence.

Police have not ruled out it may be in the lake.

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Israeli apartheid group to ignore Pride ban

PARADE The activist group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid says it will attempt to march in the Pride Toronto parade despite a Pride ban on the use of the phrase "Israeli apartheid," raising the possibility of a street confrontation July 4.

"I don't think that a suggestion that they don't like our message should keep us out of Pride. So there is an intention to march, and we will find the message that works in that march and we will be there. We need our voice to be heard," said Queers Against Israeli Apartheid spokeswoman Elle Flanders.

"I don't think that a suggestion that they don't like our message should keep us out of Pride."
Elle Flanders, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid

Flanders declined to discuss the specifics of QuAIA's plans. Though Pride executive director Tracey Sandilands said QuAIA would be welcomed if it marched under a name that excluded "apartheid," such as "Queers in Favour of a Free Palestine," Flanders said QuAIA would not consider such a change.

Pride co-chair Genevieve D'Iorio said yesterday the board voted to ban "Israeli apartheid" because the controversy around its use had put the festival in jeopardy of losing funding.

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Pension fund planned to take over GTA utilities, inquiry hears
Mississauga was the key to an ambitious plan by a giant municipal pension fund a decade ago to acquire all the hydro utilities owned by municipalities around Toronto, the city's judicial inquiry heard on its opening day yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Keep long-gun registry, attorney general urges

WEAPONS Ontario's attorney general is urging the federal government to keep the controversial long-gun registry.

Chris Bentley told the House of Commons public safety committee yesterday it's "pretty clear" the registry works, even if it's not perfect.

He notes that Canadian police officers access the registry 11,000 times a day.

Bentley called the registry "minimally intrusive" on gun owners and said it's an important source of information for police.

A private member's bill introduced by Manitoba Conservative MP Candice Hoeppner seeks to scrap the long-gun registry.

The bill has already passed two readings in the House of Commons with support from eight Liberal MPs and one-third of the NDP caucus, and a third passage will send it to the Senate where a Conservative plurality makes its adoption much more likely.

"Why would you want to deny those who stake their lives on the fact that the information is important?"
Chris Bentley

In one survey by the RCMP's Canada Firearms Centre, which administers the registry, 92 per cent of general-duty police officers said they use the system and 74 per cent said "query results have proven beneficial during major operations."

"Why would you want to deny those who stake their lives on the fact that the information is important?" Bentley said. "Why would you want to deny them that information?"

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City warns of extreme heat

'More summer this week than all last summer': Climate expert

Toronto has issued its first extreme weather warning of the year as a result of this week's expected record highs.

City officials upgraded the heat alert to an extreme alert after forecasts that yesterday's high temperature was expected to break the daily record of 28.1 C set in 2007.

Temperatures are predicted to remain high until the end of the week.

Public places to cool off

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- North York Civic Centre — 5100 Yonge St. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
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- McGregor Community Centre — 2231 Lawrence Ave. E. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Centennial Park Community Centre — 1967 Ellesmere Rd. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips said Toronto's current hot spell could equal the total number of hot days the city had last year.

"This shows you we will likely have more summer this week than we had all last summer," Phillips said.

Residents are encouraged to check on family and friends at a higher risk of suffering heat-related injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sunnyside Beach **Hot dog!**

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Lori Oude-Reimernk cools off Missy, her six-year-old Jack Russell-Chihuahua mix, with a toss into Lake Ontario yesterday at Sunnyside Beach.

Maple Leaf to sell processing outfit

FOOD Maple Leaf Foods is putting its Ontario pork processing business up for sale again after a failed attempt to unload the facility at the height of the credit crunch.

The company said yesterday it is seeing "renewed interest from potential purchasers" for the Burlington-based operation amid better economic conditions and easier access to credit.

A Maple Leaf spokesman wouldn't give details about the interested buyers or the potential value, but said the company is keeping its options open.

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Home affordability to decline: RBC report

REAL ESTATE Canadians will find it more expensive to own a home this year and in 2011, as higher interest rates are expected to chip away at affordability even as the rise in home prices begins to subside, two of Canada's major banks predicted yesterday.

A report by RBC Economics Research released yesterday said affordability would deteriorate throughout 2010 and 2011 as rising interest rates increase mortgage and other loan payments.

Canada's hot housing market is coming back into balance between supply and demand following a seller-friendly period during the first stages of economic recovery.

The RBC report found home ownership costs in Canada rose across all housing segments in the first three months of 2010 — the third quarter of increases in a row.

With the exception of Alberta, home affordability measures deteriorated across all provinces with significant declines in affordability in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Housing affordability declined more moderately in Ontario, as well as in Quebec and Atlantic Canada.

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News in brief

DEATH An Ontario Superior court jury trial came to an abrupt halt yesterday after the defendant died suddenly over the weekend. Emmanuel Osae died Monday night after being taken from the Don Jail to hospital Saturday. Osae had pleaded not guilty in the murder of Jeremy Paul, 18, who was shot to death April 5, 2007.

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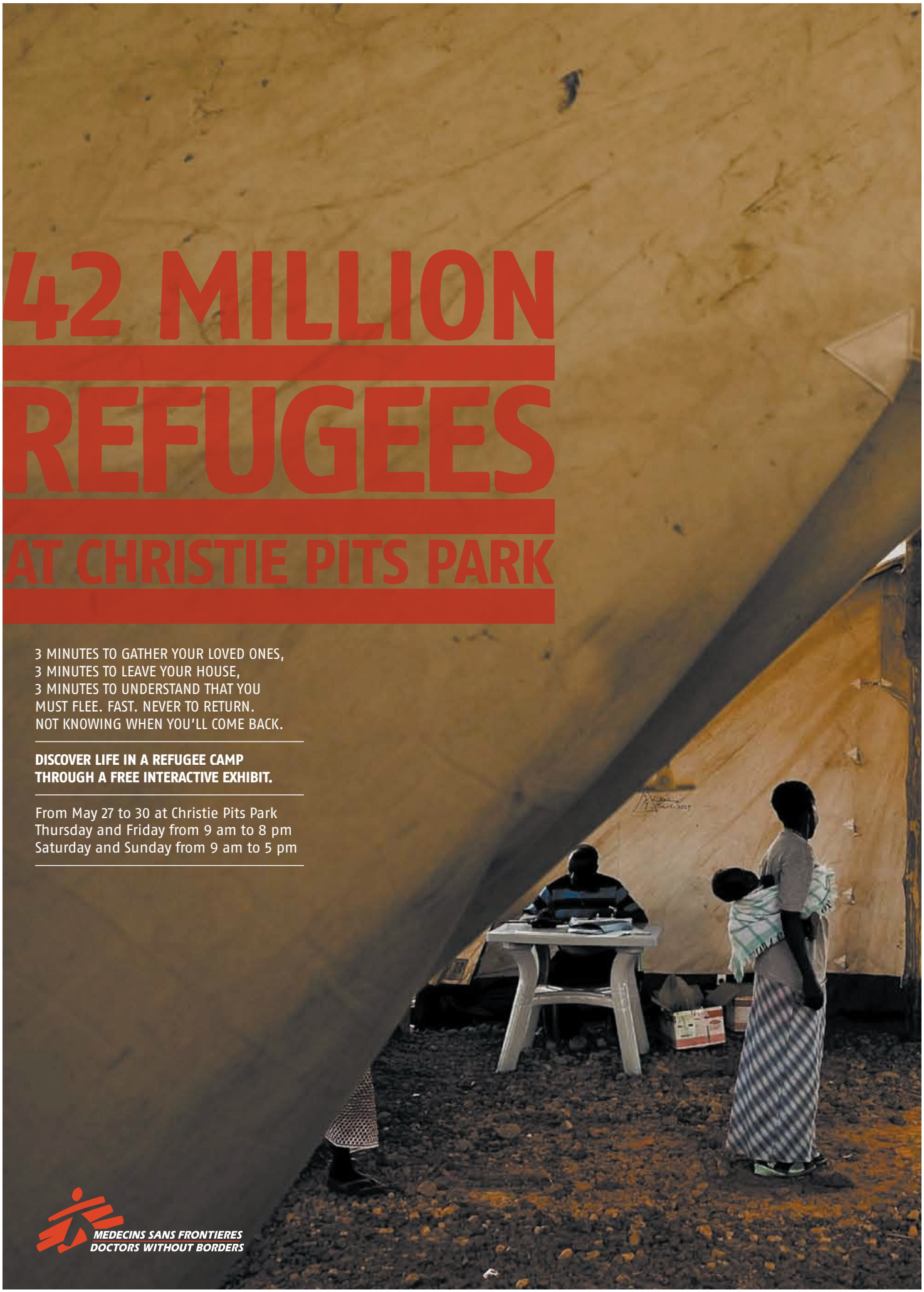
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Flight makes emergency stop in Montreal

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Ottawa plans anti-spam legislation

The federal government is re-introducing legislation to stop unwanted spam on computers and cellphones and guard against identity theft. Industry Minister Tony Clement, left, says if all goes well the legislation could be in force by the end of the year. Clement says Canada is an outlier among advanced nations for the lack of effective laws against spam, unwanted solicitations or even threats over computers and other wireless devices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shareholders raise oilsands concerns

ENERGY A group of shareholders are asking energy giant ExxonMobil to report on the risks of its investments in Alberta's oilsands.

A resolution calling for such a report is to be voted on at the annual general meeting today in Dallas.

The proposal calls for information on possible long-term risks to ExxonMobil's finances by the environmental, social and economic challenges associated with the oilsands.

Emily Stone of Green Century Capital Management says even though the resolution isn't likely to pass, it will raise awareness about the oilsands.

ExxonMobil's board is recommending that shareholders vote against the proposal. Similar resolutions were brought forward earlier this spring at BP, ConocoPhillips and Royal Dutch Shell shareholder meetings.

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News in brief

ARCTIC The Nunavut Impact Review Board has given the go-ahead for government scientists to look for oil and gas in a proposed Arctic marine conservation area just north of Baffin Island. But Parks Canada wants the area protected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa has announced cabinet ministers' staff can no longer testify at parliamentary committees.

Staffers muzzled

Feds' decision raises opposition hackles

The Harper government is in the midst of another showdown with Parliament after announcing it will no longer let cabinet ministers' political staff testify at parliamentary committees.

Government House leader Jay Hill told the House of Commons yesterday that committees don't respect due process and fair play when questioning staffers. From now on, he said, cabinet ministers will answer for the actions of their aides.

All opposition parties immediately blasted the move and vowed to fight it.

Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale said it's the latest example of the Conservative government trying to block accountability and transparency.

"The Harper government doesn't hesitate to blame political staff when they're caught carrying out the Conservative culture of deceit," Goodale said. "Now that Parliament wants to hear from those staffers, they're trying to cover it up. Does the prime minister need to be reminded again that it is Parliament, not him, who decides the rules?" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coincidence?

The controversial change came as Dimitri Soudas, Harper's director of communication, was supposed to testify before a committee looking into allegations of political interference in the release of documents under the Access to Information Act.

Fatal crashes may have been on purpose: Police

QUEBEC Just a month ago, Denis Philippon reached out to friends through a social networking site about the breakup of his relationship.

In a lengthy Facebook chat, Philippon talked about moving forward from the pain for the sake of his children. That was in late April — and something went terribly wrong since those messages were posted.

Denis Philippon

Police now say Philippon may have deliberately used his car as an instrument of death in separate accidents that killed four people Monday, including himself and his own four-year-old son.

Provincial police Sgt. Eloise Cosette says an investigation into the case could take several weeks.

"The elements that we've got so far lead us to believe it was a voluntary action and one that was planned," Cossette said yesterday.

She wouldn't say if police found a suicide note; tests for drugs and alcohol have been ordered.

The crashes occurred 10 minutes apart near Plessisville, southeast of Montreal. Police say witnesses reported seeing a van that was being driven erratically during the afternoon.

The van first steered into the path of a small car and killed two brothers, 25-year-old Sebastien Fleury and his 14-year-old brother Alexandre. The van driver then apparently stole the vehicle of his ex-wife, a pickup truck, and slammed into a second truck just minutes later.

Philippon, 39, and his four-year-old son Thomas were killed in the second crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Advocacy group to Ottawa: Focus on aid to poor nations

SUMMIT The Canadian government shouldn't allow the G8 to be sidetracked by debates over abortion and instead should be prepared to put up cold, hard cash for poor countries, says a leading anti-poverty network.

ONE, an umbrella group of aid advocates founded by U2 singer Bono, says billions of dollars are needed for the G8 to make a meaningful dent in maternal and child health conditions in developing countries.

But anti-poverty advocates, summit researchers and opposition politicians have yet to see any serious talk about money. At the same time, they see G8 discussions on the Canada-led initiative getting bogged down.

"I'd hate to see that this important issue gets derailed because of the abortion issue, when so much good could be done on other fronts. So we have to keep working on it," said former MP Belinda Stronach, whose foundation is a supporter of ONE.

"It feels like a stumbling block," agreed David Lane, president of ONE.

Lane and Stronach presented a report card showing Canada has surpassed its very modest goals in giving aid to Africa.

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Researchers for advocacy group ONE say Canada must give about half a billion dollars yearly to make a meaningful difference in maternal and child health.

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B.C. corruption trial faces delay

The Vancouver corruption trial of three former B.C. government staffers has been adjourned until next Monday because one of the accused is sick. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CSIS' mistakes 'deeply concerning': Watchdog

Report cites 'notable increase' in spy agency's errors

The ministerial watchdog over the Canadian Security Intelligence Service has warned the government of "deeply concerning" inaccuracies in CSIS's work — errors that could have serious "negative consequences" for people the spy agency investigates.

In her latest top-secret report card on CSIS to the public safety minister, Eva Plunkett reveals a "notable increase" in errors spotted in the spy service's records and a "substantially larger number" of cases of policy breaches.

Plunkett uncovered dozens of instances of failure to adhere to CSIS policy and 43 errors in operational reporting.

"These instances of non-compliance and errors are not isolated to one program or one set of processes. They do appear in key core activities of the service," Plunkett said in the November report to then-public safety minister Peter Van Loan.

"I am unable to offer you an explanation for this continuing year-over-year increase, suffice to say the number of non-compliance issues and the number of errors identified continue to increase each year and are a very real concern that merits attention."

A declassified version of Plunkett's classified report to the public safety minister for 2008-09 was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

Vic Toews has since become public safety minister. As inspector general, Plunkett serves as Toews' "eyes and ears" on the spy agency.

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Civilian review

- In July, the civilian review committee over CSIS told Parliament the agency may need major changes after finding it ignored concerns about human rights and Omar Khadr's young age in deciding to interview the Toronto-born teen at a U.S. military prison.

General fined for rifle shots

GATINEAU Canada's top soldier in Kandahar has been fined $3,500 for negligently firing two rounds with his assault rifle as his boss the chief of defence staff stood nearby.

A court martial handed down the fine yesterday after finding Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard guilty of an offence under the National Defence Act.

It's the stiffest fine handed down to a soldier for mishandling a weapon. Menard, who presides over similar cases in Afghanistan, said the most he has ever fined someone is $1,200.

In delivering the sentence, military judge Col. Mario Dutil said "this case sends a clear message" that the Canadian Forces takes weapons offences seriously.

The March 25 incident occurred as Menard and Gen. Walt Natynczyk, the chief of defence staff, were about to board a Blackhawk helicopter at Kandahar Airfield.

Menard, commander of Task Force Kandahar, struggled to load a magazine into his C8 assault rifle and put the safety on. His gun was at waist level, pointing at the runway, when it fired a two-round burst.

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Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard leaves the courtroom after being pleading guilty in a court martial in Gatineau, Que., yesterday to negligently firing two rounds with his assault rifle.

The bullets whizzed between two armoured vehicles, missing two Blackhawk helicopters and about 10 soldiers also within range. No one was hurt and no property was damaged.

Menard pleaded guilty at the start of yesterday's court martial to one count of "neglect to the prejudice of good order and discipline" under the National Defence Act.

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Drop blood-giving ban on gay men: Researchers

HEALTH It is time to drop a discriminatory policy that bars gay men from donating blood in Canada, several leading HIV-AIDS researchers said in an article published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

They suggested the policy, which dates back to a time when there was no effective way to screen donated blood for the HIV virus, should be modified to permit gay men in long-term, monogamous relationships to donate blood.

Ron Vezina, communications manager for Canadian Blood Services, said the agency regularly re-examines the issue of the ban.

"We're open to changing the policy as long as the science and the evidence back it," Vezina said from Ottawa.

"This CMAJ paper is one good voice to keep that discussion going, but it is only one voice. And there is not medical consensus on this issue." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Artist invited back to Swedish university to finish lecture

A Swedish university has invited an artist who angered Muslims by caricaturing the Prophet Muhammad to finish a lecture that was disrupted by violent protests. Officials say Lars Vilks has agreed to return to Uppsala University in the fall to complete his lecture about the limits of freedom of expression in art. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Former Detroit mayor going back to jail

Former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was sentenced to up to five years in prison yesterday for violating the terms of his probation stemming from his conviction for lying under oath about an affair with his chief of staff. Kilpatrick, 39, asked Judge David Groner to show him compassion, but Groner said "that ship has sailed." Groner said Kilpatrick, left, would have to serve at least one-and-a-half years in prison. He is still obligated to pay the remaining balance of his $1 million debt to the city of Detroit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP to try again as damning report released

OIL SPILL BP readied yet another attempt to slow the oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico yesterday as a U.S. government report alleged that drilling regulators have been so close to the industry they have been accepting gifts from oil companies.

BP's next effort to stop the gushing oil today is to involve a procedure called a "top kill," in which heavy mud and cement are shot into the well to plug it up. The procedure has never been tried a mile beneath the sea, and executives estimate its chances of success at 60 to 70 per cent. In Washington, the Obama administration said it has been labouring to root out problems at the agency that regulates offshore drilling. In at least one case, an inspector for the Minerals Management Service admitted using crystal methamphetamine and said he might have been under the influence of the drug at work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War zone in Jamaica

Soldiers, police battle gangsters loyal to accused drug lord on streets of capital

Thousands of police and soldiers yesterday stormed the Jamaican ghettos where reggae was born in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.

The masked gunmen fighting for underworld boss Christopher (Dudus) Coke say he provides services and protection — all funded by a criminal empire that seemed untouchable until the U.S. demanded his extradition.

Coke has built a loyal following in Tivoli Gardens, the poor West Kingston slum that is his stronghold. U.S. authorities say he has been trafficking cocaine to the streets of New York City since the mid-1990s, allegedly hiring island women to hide the drugs on themselves on flights to the United States.

Called "president" and "shortman" by his supporters, Coke does not wear flashy clothes or hold court at Kingston nightclubs like other powerful gang bosses. The few published photographs of the 5-foot-4-inch Jamaican the U.S. Justice Department calls one of the world's most dangerous drug lords show an unassuming man with a pot belly.

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In this photo from last week, a demonstrator displays a message in support of Christopher (Dudus) Coke during a march in Kingston, Jamaica.

Yesterday, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars. The sound of gunfire echoed across the slums on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist meccas of the north shore.

Schools and businesses were closed across the capital and the government appealed for blood donations for the wounded.

At the epicentre of the violence are the West Kingston slums, known as garrisons, which include the Trenchtown ghetto where reggae superstar Bob Marley was raised.

Members of Coke's Shower Posse and affiliated gangs began barricading his stronghold last week following an announcement by Prime Minister Bruce Golding that he would approve Coke's extradition on drug- and gun-running.

Golding, who represents Tivoli Gardens, had stonewalled the U.S. request for nine months, straining relations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Owner of Travis the chimp dies

CONNECTICUT A woman whose chimpanzee mauled and blinded her friend last year has died, her attorney said yesterday. Sandy Herold died Monday, lawyer Robert Golger said. Herold's 200-pound chimpanzee, Travis, went berserk in February 2009 after Herold asked her friend, Charla Nash, to help lure it back into her house. The animal ripped off Nash's hands, nose, lips and eyelids before it was shot and killed by police. Nash's family has sued Herold for $50 million US and wants to sue the state for $150 million, saying officials failed to prevent the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Poland **Deadly floods**

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A woman carries plants yesterday as she is evacuated from her flooded house in central Poland. Fifteen people have died in Poland's worst flooding in decades.

Tensions rise in Koreas

North Korea declared yesterday it would sever all communication and relations with Seoul as punishment for blaming the North for the sinking of a South Korean warship two months ago.

North Korea also announced it would expel all South Korean government officials working at a joint industrial park in the northern border town of Kaesong, the official Korean Central News Agency said.

Tensions were rising on the divided Korean peninsula in the wake of an investigation report blaming North Korea for a torpedo attack that sank the Cheonan warship March 26, killing 46 South Korean sailors.

South Korea's military restarted psychological warfare operations — including blaring radio broadcasts into the North and placing loudspeakers at the border to blast out propaganda — to punish the North for the provocation.

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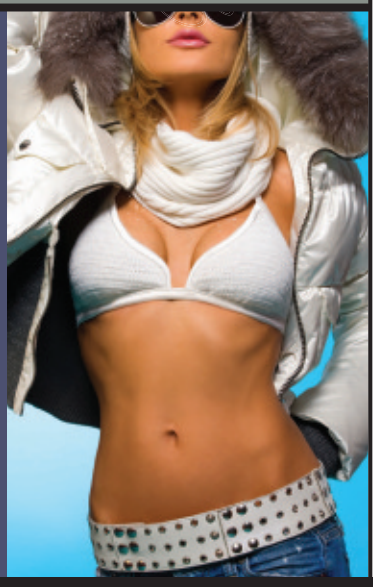

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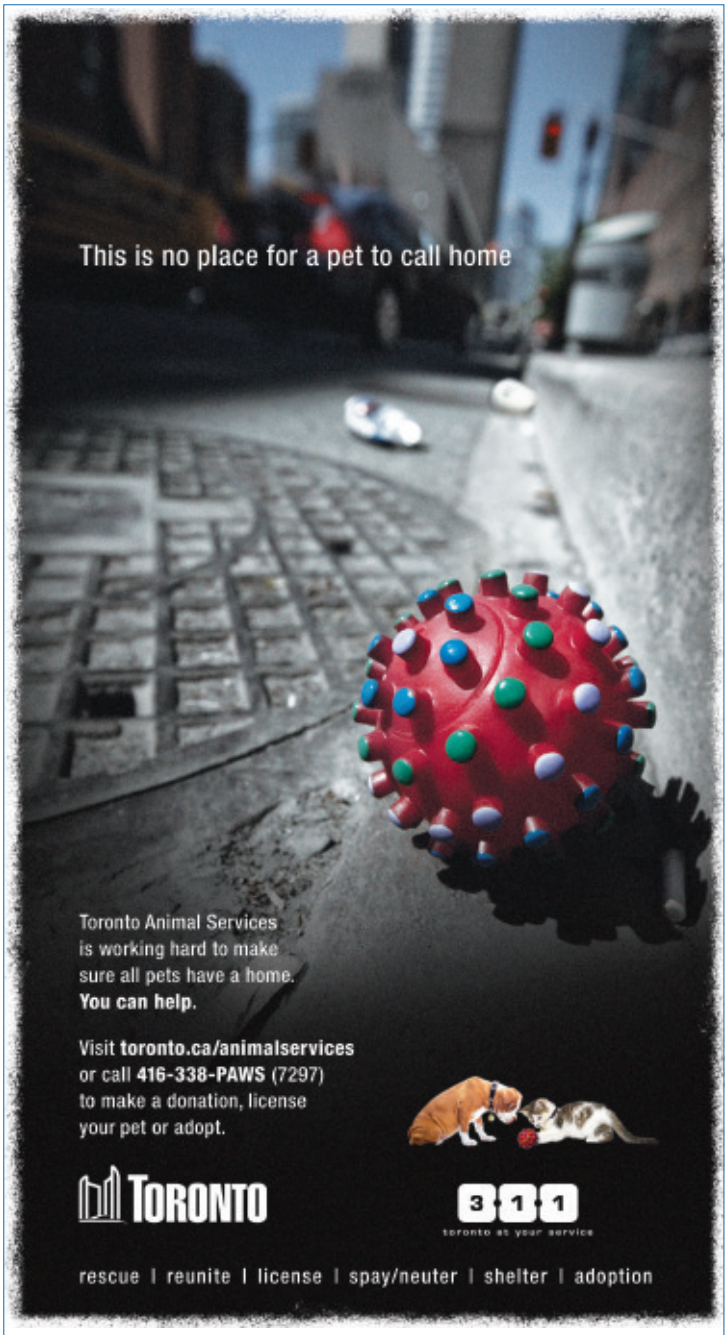

The Greater Good

As Manager of Toronto Animal Services, Eletta Purdy knows a hundred great reasons to license a cat or dog. But her favourites are the ones who greet her every day when she comes home.

"Our own cats, Shyly and Willow, were adopted from TAS." Eletta says. "Both are licensed; it keeps them safe, and it ensures other animals receive the same care they did."

True pet-lovers want nothing less. But not all realize that their licensing fees pay for it. That's why Eletta and her colleagues are getting the word out. "Spaying and neutering, sheltering lost animals, 24-hour emergency care—we provide all these services, and every cent we collect from licensing fees goes to fund them."

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UN force to pull out of Chad

The UN Security Council has decided to pull out the 3,300-strong peacekeeping force in Chad and the Central African Republic by the end of this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A Pakistani police officer escorts businessman Iqbal Khan, centre, and a transvestite named Kashif, left, to the city court in Peshawar yesterday. Police busted a wedding between a businessman and his transgender bride, taking away the couple and 43 guests on accusations that they were violating laws against same-sex marriage in this devoutly Muslim country, an official said.

Pakistani police bust transgender wedding

Couple, 43 guests accused of breaking laws

Police in northwestern Pakistan broke up a wedding between a businessman and his transgender bride, taking away the couple and 43 guests for violating laws against same-sex marriage in the devoutly Muslim country, an official said yesterday.

Guests were dancing to drums when authorities made the raid Monday in Peshawar city, police official Javed Khan said.

The bride and many of the guests are transgender, meaning they are biologically male but present themselves as female in their daily lives.

"It falls under same-sex marriage, which is not allowed under our law," Khan said.

Homosexuality is a taboo subject in Pakistan, and it is extremely rare to hear of a gay wedding.

Khan said the groom, businessman Iqbal Khan, and his bride, whose formal name is Kashif but goes by Rani, appeared in court yesterday along with the 43 guests.

The court ruled that the couple and the guests would remain in police custody while investigators record their statements and gather details, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Khusra

- There are no official figures for the number of transgender people in Pakistan. Known as khusra, they live on the edges of society and are frequently harassed by police.

Unpaid Greek employees heckle minister at Acropolis

PROTEST Greece's economic problems erupted at the country's best-known ancient site yesterday, as unpaid cultural heritage workers heckled the country's culture minister during a tour of newly completed restoration work on the Acropolis.

Amid goggling tourists, about 100 protesters with bullhorns and banners pressed Pavlos Geroulanos to pay wages outstanding for up to 16 months and to renew their soon-to-expire contracts. The demonstration ended peacefully after the minister conceded that many of the demands were "absolutely justified," and promised action on the delayed pay.

Despite the crisis, the government has pledged to continue with the massive Acropolis project, which started in the 1970s and is expected to continue for at least another decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

FLOTILLA Organizers say eight ships with 10,000 tonnes of supplies and hundreds of activists are heading for blockaded Gaza and a likely showdown with Israel's navy. Israel says it will block the vessels and has reportedly set up a detention centre for the activists. The flotilla marks the most ambitious attempt yet to break Gaza's blockade by sea. Organizers said yesterday that the vessels plan to meet near Cyprus on Friday. From there, they'll sail together toward Gaza.

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If you can't say something nice, don't say anything: Church to clerics
The leader of Cyprus' Greek Orthodox Church yesterday warned clerics opposed to the Pope's upcoming visit to either welcome him or keep quiet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man accused of aiding suicides ordered offline

A former Minnesota nurse accused of going online and encouraging depressed people to kill themselves was ordered yesterday to stay off the Internet while his criminal case is pending.

A judge also forbade William Melchert-Dinkel of Faribault from leaving the state except for work assignments as a long-haul trucker, the career he took up after being stripped of his nursing licence.

The 47-year-old has been charged with encouraging Carleton University student Nadia Kajouji and a man from Britain to take their own lives.

Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ont., drowned herself in Ottawa's Rideau River two years ago.

The other victim, Mark Drybrough, 32, hanged himself at his home in Coventry, England, in 2005.

The rarely used state law carries a possible sentence of up to 15 years in prison and a $30,000 fine.

The investigation tied Melchert-Dinkel to Kajouji through searches of their computers. Canadian authorities determined she had online discussions with someone named Cami and entered into a suicide pact with her. A search of his computer revealed a photograph of Kajouji and correspondence between him and other suicidal people.

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Step-by-step instructions

- Prosecutors say Melchert-Dinkel posed as a female nurse, then feigned compassion for those he met in suicide chat rooms, while offering step-by-step instructions on how to take their lives.
- The criminal complaint said he told investigators he encouraged "dozens" to commit suicide and "characterized it as the thrill of the chase." He estimated he had helped up to five people kill themselves.

Russia **School's out for summer**

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Russian school graduates jump in Red Square celebrating the last day of classes in Moscow yesterday.

News in brief

ETHIOPIA Tens of thousands of ruling party supporters rallied yesterday in Addis Ababa to celebrate victory in the national election, while the chief EU observer said the poll was marred by an uneven playing field. A top opposition leader denounced the results released by the Ethiopian elections board, but did not say what action his party would take.

IRAQ Masked men armed with grenades and assault rifles shot up a jewelry market in Baghdad yesterday, killing 15 people before they fled with a large quantity of gold in an attack authorities swiftly blamed on a cash-strapped al-Qaida. The attack was the latest in a violent crime wave that has swelled over the past year.

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Crusade against tele-barbarians

TheWestView

A man's phone is his castle. So why are barbarians still storming my home phone, usually at the dinner hour, even though I signed up for that do-not-call list the government promised would end my pain?

Turns out I'm not the only one still persecuted by lame and annoying calls from people who want to hijack the next 15 minutes of my life, which I will never see again.

This is a big problem. Eight million telephone numbers have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was launched in 2008. But the CRTC, which is supposed to be some kind of watchdog, received 15,000 complaints from unhappy homeowners in February alone, yet has a pitiful 89 cases under review.

Only 12 tele-barbarians have been fined, and only two have coughed up any money.

If I had a watchdog like that, I'd send him to the doghouse without a bone. The CRTC is more like a watchkitty, or maybe a watchgerbil.

It's bad enough there is a long list of exceptions to the do-not-call list. I never want to participate in another survey, provide customer feedback, tell politicians how I mean to vote — or even if I need a ride to the polls (Notice to all politicians: No. Thank you.).

But I'm also still getting calls from electronic pests who congratulate me for winning an all-expenses-paid, no-strings-attached cruise to nowhere right in the middle of dinner. They identify themselves as "Blocked" on call display. Even though I'm almost sure "Blocked" does not deserve an answer, there's a one-in-eight-million chance it could be a representative from Lotto Max with some very good news.

So I answer the phone. Idiot.

The CRTC has rolled over onto its belly and gone to sleep on this one. Of the thousands of complaints, it has investigated exactly 700, claiming one case could represent 1,000 calls. Most of the time, it sends these people a letter, when the most effective punishment is obvious:

Phone 'em! Phone 'em in the shower! Phone 'em when they're trying to get Junior to lie down and go to sleep! Phone 'em when they finally sit down to watch TV! Phone 'em during those rare moments of stolen connubial bliss!

In others words, do unto them what they do unto us. An ear for an ear! I guarantee it, after a week of that, the telemarketers will fall silent.

And if that doesn't work, go to Plan B. That's when we get the home phone numbers of the CRTC commissioners ...

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Word on the street: Which television series would you like to see extended: Lost, 24 or Law & Order?

David W.
Toronto

A: Given that I intend to be in by 8 p.m. (Monday), I'm going to say 24. It's probably the only syndicated show that I watch.

Emma Borg
Toronto

A: Lost, definitely. I love Lost. I'm sad that it's done.

Eric Henry
Toronto

A: None. I don't watch any of those. I stopped watching Law & Order three years ago. I've never watched Lost or 24.

Courtney Varner
Halifax

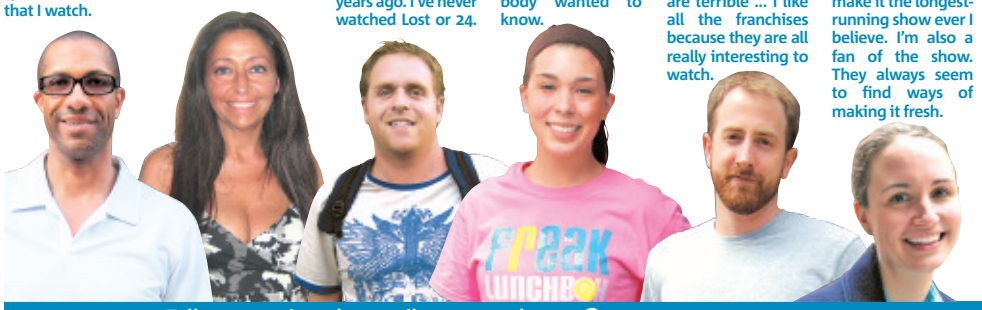
A: Lost, because they didn't really answer all the questions that everybody wanted to know.

Dave Patten
Edmonton

A: I would like to see Law & Order extended because the other two shows are terrible ... I like all the franchises because they are all really interesting to watch.

Caroline Hickton
Vancouver

A: I would want Law & Order to continue because an extra season would make it the longest-running show ever I believe. I'm also a fan of the show. They always seem to find ways of making it fresh.



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IMF sees oil exporters rebounding

OIL Mideast and North African oil exporters will see a "strong recovery" in 2010, pulled ahead by increasing capital inflows and oil prices, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday even as it lowered its projection for the countries' growth amid a sharp drop in oil prices and worries about Europe's debt crisis.

The IMF warned that concerns remained about the banking sector — mainly stemming from slow credit growth.

The IMF said MENA oil exporters were projected to see a combined growth rate of 4.2 per cent — down slightly from the 4.5 per cent growth projected last month.

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New wireless carrier targets 'unserved'

No-frills wireless carrier Public Mobile is going after Canadians who don't own cellphones in the lower end of the market.

"Very clearly, our target market is what we refer to as the unserved," said chief executive Alek Krstajic, adding about one-third of Canadians don't have cellphones. "We just aren't going to try to do everything for everybody all at once," he said yesterday.

Public Mobile launches today in Toronto and in Montreal June 25.

Globalive's Wind Mobile brand launched last December and Toronto-based Mobilicity launched earlier this month.

Krstajic said he believes Public Mobile's two plans will be appealing to consumers and competitors as a model.

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Alek Krstajic, Public Mobile's chief executive.

One plan, for $40 a month, offers unlimited talk and will include such features as voice mail and call display. The other plan, for local calling only, will cost $24 a month and was based on a conversation with a cab driver about what the driver wanted in a mobile phone, Krstajic said.

While he said Public Mobile isn't for sale, Krstajic said he expects established players Rogers, Bell and Telus to be watching.

"The incumbents will watch us do it and then, when the time is right, they would rather come around and buy us than contaminate their whole customer base."

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Industries recovering from slump: Report

ECONOMY The Conference Board is expecting most industries in Canada to recover from recessionary levels, and some very quickly.

The Ottawa-based private-sector forecaster says professional services and commodity-based industries, notably oil and gas support activities, will post the fastest rebounds.

Manufacturing, however, will struggle to return to pre-recession levels — particularly producers who supply components for other manufacturers — because of the still-high Canadian dollar and large excess factory capacity.

The economic think-tank's report forecasts industries that support oil and gas will more than double profits this year to $544 million, following a 68 per cent fallout in 2009.

The textiles and apparel industry is also expected to return to the black this year after suffering losses last year. However, machinery equipment, fabricated metals and electrical equipment are not expected to return to pre-slump levels until about 2014.

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Michigan admits wrongdoing

The University of Michigan admitted yesterday to a series of violations in its storied football program and insisted the problems related to practice time and the activities of graduate assistants were not enough to warrant major punishment from the NCAA. The university has imposed sanctions on itself that include two years of probation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Bolts name Yzerman GM

Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman, left, is the Tampa Bay Lightning's new general manager, taking on the task of rebuilding a franchise that's fallen on hard times since winning its only Stanley Cup championship six years ago. The former Detroit Red Wings captain and executive was introduced yesterday as Brian Lawton's replacement during a news conference at St. Pete Times Forum. Lawton and coach Rick Tocchet were fired April 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blue Jays thumped by Angels

MLB RESULTS

Blue Jays 3 Angels 8

MLB Ervin Santana pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game against Toronto this season and Mike Napoli homered to lead the Los Angeles Angels to an 8-3 victory over the Blue Jays last night.

Santana (4-3) finished with 10 strikeouts, one off his career high, after getting staked to an early 5-0 lead.

Toronto's first three hits against the right-hander came on first-pitch homers by Jose Bautista, Aaron Hill and Jeremy Reed.

Bobby Abreu and Erick Aybar each had two RBIs for the Angels.

Ricky Romero (4-2) threw 94 pitches over 5-1/3 innings, giving up seven runs and 11 hits and three walks.

The Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 78 home runs, did not get their first hit until Bautista drove his 15th homer into the left-field bullpen with one out in the fifth.

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YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Baltimore 5 Oakland 1
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N.Y. Yankees 0 Minnesota 0 (6 ings, susp., rain)
Texas 8 Kansas City 7
L.A. Angels 8 Toronto 3
Seattle 5 Detroit 3

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Chicago Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 0
Colorado 3 Arizona 2
Florida 6 Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 6 Houston 1
N.Y. Mets 8 Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 2 Cincinnati 1
San Diego 1 St. Louis 0
San Francisco 4 Washington 2

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Phoenix 115 L.A. Lakers 106

Suns pull even with Lakers

(Series tied 2-2)

Lakers 106 Suns 115

The Phoenix bench finally delivered as advertised, and it could hardly have come at a better time.

Channing Frye broke out of a horrendous shooting slump by making four three-pointers for 14 points, and the Suns pulled away in the fourth quarter for the second game in a row to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 115-106 last night and tie the Western Conference finals at two games apiece.

A series that looked like a Lakers' breeze a week ago is all even heading to Game 5 tomorrow night in L.A.

The Suns reserves, considered an advantage entering the series but largely ineffective through three games, outscored their Laker counterparts 54-20. Leandro Barbosa scored 14 on 6-of-8 shooting and Jared Dudley added 11 points. Goran Dragic ran the show at point and had eight points and eight assists in 18 minutes.

Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix with 21 points. Steve Nash of Victoria, playing with a broken nose, had 15 points and eight assists.

Kobe Bryant had 38 points and 10 assists as the reigning NBA champions fought back to lead briefly early in the fourth before the Suns backups stole the show.

Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry kept all five reserves in the game for almost the first nine minutes of the final quarter, and they produced an 18-3 run, and the Lakers never recovered. When Nash re-entered with 3:05 to play, those subs — usually playing against the Los Angeles starters — had turned an 87-85 deficit into a 103-94 lead.

"We believe in our bench," Gentry said. "Tonight they played as well as they could play."

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Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash drives with the ball against Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom last night in Phoenix. The Suns won 115-106 to even the series at 2-2.

Obama picks Lakers to win it all

- U.S. President Barack Obama is projecting a Los Angeles Lakers win in the NBA finals.
- Obama told TNT in an interview before last night's game that he's been surprised by Boston, but believes Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and coach Phil Jackson would be too much for the Celtics.

Man pleads guilty to vomiting on spectators at Phillies game

COURT A 21-year-old New Jersey man pleaded guilty yesterday to vomiting on another spectator and his 11-year-old daughter in the stands during a Philadelphia Phillies game.

Matthew Clemmens of Cherry Hill, N.J., pleaded guilty to one count each of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment for his conduct during an April 14 Phillies-Nationals game at Citizens Bank Park.

Clemmens stuck his fingers down his throat and vomited on Michael Vangelo, an off-duty Easton police captain, and one of Vangelo's daughters after Clemmens' companion was ejected from the park, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doyle said.

Matthew Clemmens

Clemmens and his friend were spilling beer, cursing and heckling Vangelo and his daughters from the time they arrived at their seats, according to a statement of facts read in court.

Vangelo's 15-year-old daughter asked the pair to stop the profanity, and Vangelo complained to security that Clemmens' friend was spitting, with some of it hitting his 11-year-old daughter, Doyle said.

After the friend was ejected, Clemmens was sitting alone behind the Vangelos when he answered his cellphone and said, "I need to do what I need to do. I'm going to get sick," the prosecutor said.

Clemmens then put his fingers down his throat and threw up on the father, with some vomit splashing onto Vangelo's younger daughter, Doyle said.

He then punched the father several times in the head before other fans in the stands subdued him, the prosecutor said. He screamed expletives at the crowd as he was led out of the park, Doyle said.

Clemmens' mug shot showed him with a swollen black eye, and authorities acknowledged he was hit as he was being subdued. No one else was charged in the case.

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Sports in brief

NFL Break out the parkas! The 2014 Super Bowl will be held in New Jersey and it won't be indoors. NFL owners have voted to put the championship game in the new $1.6-billion US Meadowlands stadium that's about to become home to the New York Jets and Giants. It does not have a roof and it will be February.

NHL The Colorado Avalanche will bring back Adam Foote for a 19th season after signing their captain to a one-year deal. Foote, who will be 39 in July, helped the Avalanche to Stanley Cup titles in 1996 and 2001.

CFL Saskatchewan's public insurance company has scored a touchdown with its popular licence plates honouring the province's CFL football team. Just six days after Saskatchewan Government Insurance began offering them, more than 3,500 football fans have ordered Roughrider licence plates.

NHL The New York Rangers acquired defenceman Jyri Niemi from the New York Islanders yesterday for a sixth-round pick in this year's draft. The trade was the first between the rivals since forward Ron Stewart was dealt to the Islanders for cash on Nov. 14, 1972, during the Islanders' first season.
The 19-year-old Niemi played in 50 games with Saskatoon of the Western Hockey League last season.

NFL Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch and defensive end Aaron Schobel did not attend the team's first voluntary organized activity. The duo were the only two absent from new head coach Chan Gailey's first full practice yesterday.

TENNIS Justine Henin took a big step yesterday in her return from retirement, beating Tsvetana Pironkova 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the French Open. The match was Henin's first on centre court at Roland Garros since 2007, when she won the tournament for the fourth time.

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Low-speed vehicle warning from IIHS
Although more U.S. states are allowing low-speed vehicles (LSVs) and mini-trucks on public roads, mixing them with regular traffic is a deadly combination, according to the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive

Sex and the Benz

As many as four Mercedes-Benz models can be seen in Sex And The City 2, starring Sarah Jessica Parker. The cars are: The all-new E-Class Convertible, the S400 Hybrid Sedan, the G-Class SUV and the ultra-luxury Maybach sedan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chevy Cruze makes its mark

GM sedan to replace Cobalt

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Canadians love compacts. They're always at the top of our car sales charts, inevitably with Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Mazda3 jockeying for the top spot. Chevrolet plans to shake up that status quo this summer with the all-new Cruze sedan, its replacement for the outgoing Cobalt.

It's not available for full testing just yet, but GM invited me to its proving grounds in Michigan to drive a few laps.

It's nowhere near enough for a complete assessment, especially since pricing remains a mystery, but the initial impression is positive: in ride, handling and noise levels, it feels like a mini-Malibu.

Already on sale in Europe, China and Mexico, it will eventually expand to some 60 countries. Ours will come from Ohio.

It will be a sedan only, with two hatchbacks slotting under it: The subcompact Aveo, currently built in Korea, will be redesigned and produced in the U.S., while Korea will then send over the new Spark minicar.

Cruze will come with a choice of engines. The base LS trim uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder, making an estimated 136 horsepower.

For an entry-level model, the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath.

2011 Chevrolet Cruze

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Not Available
Engine: 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder/1.8L four-cylinder
Fuel Economy: 5.0L/100 km (estimated)

Highlights

- Sophisticated handling
- Quiet like a big car
- Host of features inside

I didn't get to drive it, but some overseas critics say it's underpowered, especially given the car's weight. The volume seller will be a new turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder, which will appear in the mid-range LT and top-line LTZ, as well as a fuel- and money-saving "Eco" model. It produces 138 horsepower, but far more importantly, it makes 148 lb-ft of torque, and at just 1,850 rpm. That's the twist power that gets everything moving. Both engines come with a six-speed transmission, in manual or automatic.

Don't think go-fast: the 1.4-litre, which runs on regular-grade fuel, is turbocharged for fuel efficiency. It doesn't feel quick, but it builds speed smoothly and with no turbo lag. In Canada, it's estimated at 5.0 L/100 km (56 mpg) on the highway.

For an entry-level model, Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath, using a patented rear suspension that includes a Watts link — two horizontal bars with a central pivot to help keep the back end straight. On a tight curve of the proving ground's intentionally bad road, Cruze held solid at 100 km/h, while a Corolla and Civic brought along for comparison — plus the Cruze Eco, which doesn't have the Watts link — bounced and slid all over at just 80 km/h.

Cruze is also remarkably quiet and could well become the benchmark for big-car characteristics in a small vehicle.

All models include an unusual ten airbags and stability control, although active front head restraints are missing. The top trim levels add such features as leather seats, automatic cruise control and navigation.

How well Cruze will do depends on many factors, not the least of which is its company's reputation: GM brought a knife to the compact gunfight for many years, and buyers have long memories. But it's been turning around for a while now, and Cruze's first impression seems positive. If the price is realistic, I won't be surprised to see this one clamouring near the top of the compact charts along with its import competition.

Automakers spin Web of attraction, study says

RESEARCH New-vehicle shoppers who are highly satisfied with their automotive manufacturer website experience are more likely to test drive a vehicle from that manufacturer's lineup, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Canadian Manufacturer Website Evaluation Study released recently.

The study finds that the likelihood to test drive a vehicle after visiting that manufacturer's website increases by 22 per cent among highly satisfied new-vehicle shoppers, compared with less-satisfied shoppers.

"Sixty per cent of shoppers in the market for a new vehicle in the next year have already visited a manufacturer's website, and twice as many shoppers visit a manufacturer's site compared with a third-party site," said Ryan Robinson, Canadian automotive practice leader at J.D. Power and Associates.

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Infiniti prices QX56

Infiniti Canada has released pricing for the all-new 2011 QX56, which will start at $73,000. Improvements in the new model include 25 per cent more power, better fuel economy, enhanced luxury and ride comfort, but at the same price as the 2010 model. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hey look, I drove a Rolls Royce

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Of course, all Rolls Royce models come with a condominium-worthy price tag. From left, the Rolls Royce Phantom Coupe ($408,000 and up), Phantom ($380,000 and up), Ghost ($275,000 and up) and the Phantom Drophead Coupe ($443,000 and up).

What's going on at Rolls-Royce? Two new cars in less than a year? Bless my ascot, what ever happened to tradition, permanence, and staying blissfully apart from the crowd that must stampede to every new flavour of the month?

The big Phantom sedan, in production since 2003, welcomed a Droptop (or convertible) model in 2008. A new model every five years sounds about right. But over the past year, Rolls ushered in both a new Phantom Coupe and the all-new "smaller" sedan christened Ghost.

I guess what's going on is German efficiency. BMW became the custodians of the Rolls-Royce brand in 1998. BMW is very respectful of the Rolls-Royce mystique and its British history, but is equally respectful of scheduling. The Germans prize a good schedule like they do a good Pilsner.

I haven't driven either of new cars yet, but last summer took a twirl in a beautiful, cream-coloured Phantom sedan. I offer the following observations of that drive, because, well, I wish it be known that I drove a Rolls-Royce and you didn't. (I didn't used to be like this.)

The first thing you notice is the steering wheel. The Phantom sedan is over six metres long, but the steering wheel is smallish and very thin.

"In a Rolls, you drive with your fingers, and with your elbows in," said Wayne Kung. He sat next to me during my drive because that's his job — explaining Rolls-Royce to journalists and preventing them from taking test cars to Mexico.

At one point I ask Kung which road I should take, and he responds with, "You're in a Rolls-Royce … Feel free to be very individualistic about your choice of roads."

But while this Rolls is a hoot to drive, the experience in the backseat is what sets this brand apart. So I take a turn back there, which essentially feels, looks and smells like a leather living room.

"Every material in here is what it looks like," remarked Kung, meaning no "faux" anything. Hey Wayne, this headliner looks like cashmere. Is this really cashmere Wayne? "Yes."

When we finish our drive, Kung pushes the button that powers open the rear doors, which are hinged at the rear for better access. After I get out, he demonstrates how to grab the "duchess straps" to make more elegant departures from the rear seat. I didn't quite get the hang of it, but if a suitable duchess does it right, she would seem to "walk" right out of the car. She then would presumably walk into some sort of lifestyle activity I'm not privy too. But for a few moments and kilometers back there, I was pretty close.

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Geely eyes cheaper car
The Tata Nano has competition. Chinese automaker Geely is working on its own ultra-frugal compact, according to reports. Called the IG, it's expected to bring a $2,250 price tag and a 1.0-litre, 70-horsepower motor to the party. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Avalon taste of high life

Second Gear

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MODEL: 2005 to 2010 Toyota Avalon
VEHICLE TYPE: Large sedan
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $13,000 to $32,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The Toyota Avalon is a big, sophisticated car with a relatively simple goal: Delivering an affordable taste of the motoring high life to its owners.

Toyota fit the Avalon into their product lineup above the Camry sedan, and packed it full of some of the market's most sought-after features and luxury amenities. The last-generation Avalon was on sale to Canadians from 2005.

All last-generation Avalon models got Toyota's 3.5 -litre V6 under the hood, driving the front wheels via an automatic transmission. Horsepower figures were between 268 and 280 depending on the year in question, and transmissions got five or six gears. From 2008 and on, the Avalon's six-speed unit helped boost performance and fuel economy.

In the used marketplace, the Avalon is relatively rare — though shoppers can look for hardware like a CD-changer, JBL audio system, self-dimming rearview mirror, a sunroof, heated leather seats, in-cabin air filtration, navigation, Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: First and foremost, owners on the Internet tend to rave about the roominess, comfort, luxury and quality imparted by the Avalon driving experience. Long-haul comfort, acceleration and bang-for-the-buck are also highly rated.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Numerous complaints surfaced in online Avalon owner circles about the navigation system, clumsy or harsh gear shifting and bland cabin and body styling.

COMMON ISSUES: Though relatively inconclusive, some owners reported frustrating and hard-to-track electronic issues with some of Avalon's interior electronics. As such, spend some time ensuring everything inside the car functions as expected. Extra attention is advised for the navigation system, climate controls, all cluster lights, and the audio system.

Shoppers should also pay attention to the vehicle's front end — noting any pulling or vibrating through the steering wheel that could indicate an alignment issue. Listen for popping or clunking noises from the front and rear of the vehicle, which could indicate a worn-out or damaged suspension component.

A well-documented issue deals with a potentially nasty oil leak caused by a faulty oil line attached to the Avalon's engine.

In numerous cases, this line fails and bursts, spraying hot engine oil all over the engine compartment. This causes a nasty smell, potential smoke, a giant mess, and potential engine damage or failure — which is a safety hazard. To be safe, check for signs of oil leakage.

Free recalls to address this and several other Avalon problems were issued by Toyota. If you're not buying at a Toyota dealership, be sure to contact one with the vehicle's VIN number to see if any recall work is outstanding.

THE VERDICT: If the used Avalon you're considering checks out in the mechanical and electronics departments, you can expect relatively reliable operation and higher-than-average resale values.

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California announces Snoopy licence plates
The president of the California Association of Museums has announced an effort to establish a California special licence plate featuring Snoopy. Each plate will feature a reproduction of an original Snoopy drawing by Charles Schulz. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hankook ups the ante on tire tech

If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel — the idea behind Hankook Tire's low-rolling resistance technology.

Driving Force

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

While it may seem to be all about the engine, fuel economy includes many diverse factors, right down to the tires. If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel. That's the idea behind Hankook Tire's low-rolling resistance technology.

Because they're relatively soft, tires naturally deform and then recover as the weight of the car presses them against the road as they turn.

The deformation creates heat and resistance; the more you have of that, the more fuel it takes to turn them.

"There are a lot of different technologies used to create a tire that is low-rolling resistance," says Bill Hume, vice-president of Hankook Tire Canada.

"The tread rubber accounts for 60 to 70 per cent of the overall resistance. The other area of concern is the rest of the tire, the casing, which includes the cord body, sidewall rubber and bead rubber. We use a special technology that increases the tension of the casing to make it tighter, which minimizes deformation.

"The tread rubber also needs to be harder. You have to stiffen the tread rubber because you want it to be less resistant, but at the same time you're making it harder, you could be detracting from other qualities, such as winter or wet traction. That's where you need to have very technologically-advanced rubber compounding, so you don't give up one quality aspect to gain the low-rolling resistance. One of the materials we use in the tread is very minute amounts of silica, which binds the rubber and makes it more fuel-efficient and less susceptible to deformation."

While Hankook markets a specific low-rolling resistance tire, which uses a special tread pattern, the company incorporates the technology of low rolling resistance into all of its products. Since the tires run cooler, and heat is a natural enemy of rubber, such technologies also help to prolong tire life.

Hume estimates that the technology can reduce rolling resistance by up to 20 per cent, and while fuel costs are usually a customer's first concern, such a tire can also reduce the vehicle's CO2 emissions by as much as 820 kilograms over the tire's life.

"Even though there are tires from many manufacturers that address rolling resistance and fuel efficiency, the average consumer can always make their tires as efficient as they can be with proper air pressure," Hume says.

"To get the best efficiency and the least amount of carbon footprint, at least once a month, put a gauge to your tires and make sure they're properly inflated."

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Can cars get too clever for their own good?

RYAN BORROFF
Metro World News

Since the 1980s the rise of the microprocessor, which has had such a fundamental influence on the way that we work, has also had a profound effect on the ways cars are built too.

Basic technologies — including the throttle, transmission, and even steering systems — are being replaced by so-called drive-by-wire systems.

These technologies mean there's no need for a mechanical or hydraulic control system, such as a physical cable connection between the accelerator pedal and the engine throttle.

Instead the use of electronic systems means engineers have much more freedom to locate different components leading to better in-car ergonomics.

It also allows clever gizmos to be installed like lane assist systems, which warn a driver if she is leaving the lane without signalling, and adaptive cruise control, which can measure the distance of vehicles ahead of you and adjust your own car's speed to maintain a safe distance.

But is it such a good idea to hand over some of the driving to a microchip? If our computers can get a glitch at home, surely they can in cars too?

The recent Toyota recall was due to cars apparently speeding out of control. Some of the problem cars had poorly fitted floor mats while others had a by-wire accelerator system fitted and the accelerator pedal became stuck — causing unintended acceleration (some had both).

This may have been due to friction wear or a sensor problem — U.S. investigators are looking at whether cosmic rays could have affected the function of the throttle sensor (seriously).

It remains to be seen whether each of these problems were caused by poorly designed floor mats, friction wear, environmental conditions, the electronic throttle control system or simple driver error.

Ironically, much of the development of these systems has been driven by the desire to enhance people's safety.

The proliferation of these automated systems should keep us safer in the long run, after all that is what they have been designed to do.

Vehicle recalls over the years

- **Ford's problem switch:** In 1996 Ford recalled 7.9 million vehicles due to a faulty ignition switch that could overheat and smoke or even catch fire. Ford recalled most of its North American models built between 1988 and 1993.
- **GM's jitters:** General Motors recalled 6.7 million Chevrolet vehicles in 1971 due to poor engine mounts. This meant there was the potential for the engine to move around leading to a throttle linkage jam.
- **VW's bug wipe:** Volkswagen recalled 3.7 million of its Beetles in 1972 due to a windscreen wiper bolt having the potential to come loose, which could mean a wiper failure at any time.

New vision for Subaru

SAFETY Subaru has completed development of its "New EyeSight" driving assist system, a unique active safety device that uses camera technology to help drivers avoid collisions. Using two forward-facing cameras mounted on either side of the rear-view mirror, New EyeSight sounds an alarm to warn the driver of a potential collision with a vehicle in front. If the speed difference between the driver's vehicle and that in front is below 30 km/h, and if there is no action taken by the driver, the system will also automatically slow or stop the car in order to avoid a collision or minimize damage. FROM CARGUIDE

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Soul makes cool list

Kia Motors America has announced the 2010 Soul was named to the Top 10 Coolest New Cars Under $18,000 US list for the second year in a row by U.S.-based Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com, a leading provider of new car and used car information. METRO NEWS SERVICES

For Honda, hybrid is an Insight job

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The 2010 Honda Insight is a five-door, five-seater hatchback built to be a more affordable entry to the hybrid market.

2010 Honda Insight LX

Type: Compact hybrid hatchback
Price: From $23,900
Engine: 1.3-litre i-VTEC four cylinder/10kw electric motor
Fuel Economy: 4.8/4.5.4.7L/100km (city/hwy/comb)

Highlights

- Smooth and sleek looks
- Affordable

The future is almost here, with plug-in hybrids and extended range electric vehicles looming just over the automotive horizon.

But before their arrival, and well before the farther future promise of fuel cell mobility, some manufacturers are building fuel-efficient cars for the environmentally-conscious and making them available right here and right now.

Like, for example, the Honda Insight.

The all-new 2010 Honda Insight hybrid hatchback, with a starting price of $23,900, was designed to be a more affordable entry in the hybrid market and it slots in at about $4,000 less than the Civic Hybrid and the entry-level Toyota Prius.

The Prius could be considered as the main competitor to the Insight but it is slotted in a slightly different niche, the latest generation model moving up the hybrid model ladder in size, technology and content levels.

The Insight is a five-passenger, five-door dedicated hybrid powered by Honda's Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system, a system that teams up a 1.3-litre i-VTEC gasoline engine with an electric motor assist. The four-cylinder engine is fuel-efficient in its own right, featuring intelligent variable valve timing. This gas engine deactivates its cylinders during deceleration and also turns off at idle.

The DC brushless electric motor is positioned inline between the engine and the CVT transmission, adding power during acceleration. It also acts as a generator, recapturing energy from the vehicle's forward momentum during regenerative braking and works as the starter motor, automatically reawakening the gasoline engine from its idle-stop mode when you lift your foot off the brake pedal.

The 10-kilowatt electric motor is meant to be more of an assist than a stand-alone power source and it adds 13 hp and 58 lb-ft of punch to the powertrain mix, for a combined power rating of 98 hp and 123 lb-ft of torque.

All this fuel-fussy technology is not wrapped up in fuddy-duddy style. The Insight is dramatically smooth and sleek.

My entry-level Insight LX test vehicle came dipped in a suitably electric blue shade listed as Clear Sky Blue Metallic. Slip inside and the Insight cabin is comfortable for driver and passenger. The sloping roof is a challenge for taller rear passengers but the configurable rear seating and cargo area benefits from 60/40 split fold-down seats.

Loyalty Can Be Costly

Shopping Around Still The Key To Saving On Car Insurance

How Much Is Your Loyalty Discount Really Worth?

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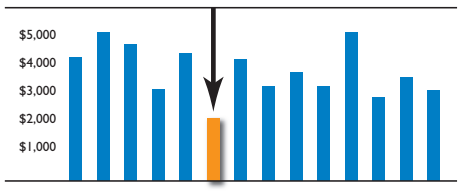

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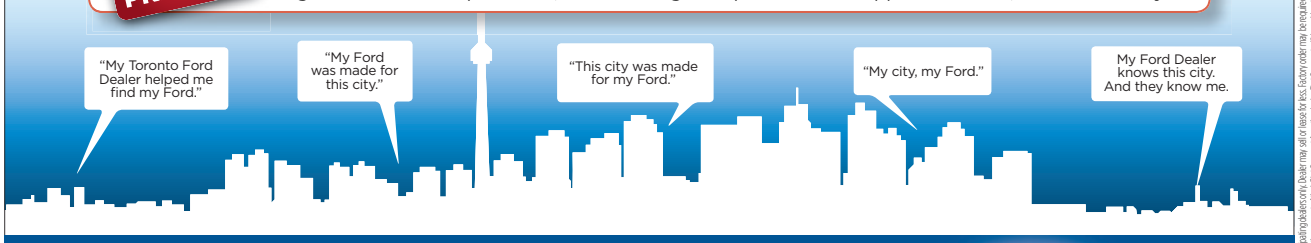

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Show and Shine at Centennial
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Shine a light on Sentra

MyDrive

NAME: Jason Spanu, a.k.a. DJ Shine.

WHO HE IS: A progressive house DJ and music producer who is also a programmer with Canadian singer Nelly Furtado's band and is touring with breakout sensation Drake this summer.

Spanu recently released his second album, Attention Deficit Disco.

WHAT HE DRIVES: A black, four-door 2004 Nissan Sentra.

WHY THIS CAR? It's a hand-me-down from my mom. I got it in 2009. I went through a long period where I didn't want to buy a car until it was an electric car, because there's really no point in screwing up the planet anymore.

Anyways, in the meantime, until I get an electric car, the Sentra is a pretty economical car to fill up and does the trick. I really don't drive it unless I have to.

WHAT TYPE OF DRIVER ARE YOY? I teeter between cautious and aggressive. I'm more cautious now because I've got a daughter in the car now.

But I'm aggressive inside my mind when I get cut off. But I'm a pretty laid-back kind of guy.

DO YOU LIKE ROAD TRIPPING? Yes, one of my family's favourite pastimes is to drive to Waterloo to one of the farmer's markets in Mennonite country. And my wife loves going to Montreal for the fashion, so we drive out there quite a bit.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT THE CAR? Its cargo capacity. It holds a surprising amount of equipment. I can shove in enough of gear to keep a party rocking for a good while if I'm doing a smaller gig on my own. And still fit in a baby car seat. And of course its fuel economy.

WHAT WOULD WE FIND IN YOUR TRUNK? A stroller, probably some water in case we have any issues, and bags for groceries — pretty boring stuff (laughs).

DREAM CAR: Actually, I saw the craziest car in Tokyo when I was there recently. It wasn't very practical, but very cool. It had four wheels on long prongs and had like a pod in the centre. It was a model. It wasn't on the road. It was really cool. It looked like it had the capacity to jump. It was like a car that could stand upright and then compact itself to fit in a parking spot.

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

DJ Shine is touring with breakout sensation Drake this summer. He owns a 2004 Nissan Sentra similar to the one pictured above.

Crash lab celebrates 10th

RESEARCH Volvo Cars' crash-test laboratory in Torslanda, Sweden, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

In this time, 3,000 full-scale tests that have been carried out during the high-tech facility's first decade have helped give Volvo owners even safer cars.

When the new safety centre was inaugurated by Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf in early 2000, it was one of the most advanced in the car industry, a position it has retained over the years due to the continuous implementation of new equipment and new test methods.

The latest technology addition is a set of digital high-speed cameras that can take 200,000 frames per second.

Volvo's lab in Torslanda, Sweden, is one of the most advanced crash-test facilities in the world.

The crash-test laboratory has one fixed and one movable test track. The movable track can be adjusted from 0 to 90 degrees. This makes it possible to carry out tests involving a variety of incident and accident scenarios, from frontal impacts to side impacts, between two moving cars approaching at different angles and speeds.

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Carleton wants students' help to represent Aboriginal connections

Carleton University in Ottawa is running a contest asking members of the student community to create a graphic design that will be used to symbolize the institution's Aboriginal connections and its desire to embrace diverse populations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

More resources for health: ACCC

In its submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges states that colleges are uniquely positioned to provide the advanced skills needed by the health sector. The association notes that additional support is needed to address long wait lists for health programs, aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance, among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A career that's into the wild

Even if you're not a veterinarian, there are many jobs out there for the animal lover

Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A career working with wild animals can take you straight into Canada's city centres or deep into its forests.

Pam Pritchard works in the Calgary Zoo. For the last 30 years, she's tended to the needs of giraffes, hippopotamuses and elephants. She now handles the zookeeper apprenticeship program.

"There's nothing more special than being able to go and see an animal you've worked with for years," she says.

Landing a zookeeper job is hard in Canada, compared to the United States, as there are only a few large zoos in the country.

"The trickiest spot is to get your foot in the door," Pritchard says. Many start by volunteering with animals — at zoos, if they can get a spot, or at any animal sanctuary. From there, many work toward a degree in animal sciences, zoology or biology while working as on-call labourers for a zoo. That means feeding animals and cleaning enclosures.

"They're all right in there getting dirty and wet," she says.

If all goes well, they earn a spot on the four-year paid apprenticeship program. It combines animal theory with hands-on work on nutrition, training, behaviour and other areas. If that goes well, they're in good position to land a zookeeper's job, Pritchard says.

Rod Cumberland spent much of his childhood in the forests of New Brunswick learning about deer with his hunter father. When he started working in shops and factories as an adult, he noted how miserable his coworkers were.

"I made up my mind that I would do something I loved to do and I pursued a career in wildlife management," he says. "I was really blessed to get the job I did."

He's New Brunswick's official deer biologist. Positions like his usually require a bachelors or masters degree in wildlife or forestry courses from institutions such as Nova Scotia's Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of New Brunswick, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Sir Sanford Fleming College in Ontario or Alberta's University of Lethbridge.

Cumberland's passion is working in the field. Flying low and slow in a helicopter over dense woods, he counts moose and deer, or tromps on foot to see what predators, be it black bears, coyotes or bobcats, are killing tagged deer to gauge how healthy the population is.

That biological data determines the number of hunting permits issued to keep the herd healthy.

If you're interested in a career working with animals, but not necessarily being a vet, look into working with wild animals — either at a zoo or in the wild itself.

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Many holes in mat leave law's fabric

WorkplaceLaw

There is a loophole employers across the country are taking advantage of. An employee is fired either shortly before or during her maternity leave. She claims that she was fired because she was pregnant or took time off and that her replacement, who has less seniority, took the job she ought to have retained. The employer, of course, disagrees. Her position no longer exists, or if it does, her termination was unrelated to her leave.

Sometimes there is no replacement hired, at least immediately. But sooner or later, job advertisements will appear, listing most of the duties that she used to perform. When she was fired, she was told that the "restructuring" eliminated her position. However, now the company requires someone to perform most or all of her role, only with a different title.

Terminating employees during maternity leave is generally illegal. But it happens anyway. This is because the legislation in some provinces contains qualifiers, allowing dismissal only where the employer can show it was unrelated to the employee's leave. This is why jobs are often reorganized while employees are away, so that the employer can fit within the exception. Other provinces prohibit termination during leave but then allow it as soon as the employee returns. These scenarios unfold at workplaces throughout the country, with provincial tribunals and courts increasingly being asked to intervene.

Firing employees while on maternity leave is generally illegal, but there are ways around it. So if you see your own job posted online while on maternity leave, it's best to contact a lawyer.

What can employees do?

File a complaint with a provincial ministry or tribunal: Employment standards legislation provides various levels of protection. However, unlike court proceedings, where the onus to win a case is on the person who files it, employment standards legislation requires employers to disprove that the termination was illegal.

File a human rights complaint: Although human rights legislation does not require an employer to reinstate an employee following maternity leave, it does not permit termination where there was a connection to that employee's leave.

Sue for wrongful dismissal: There are court cases stating that even if an employee is not fired because she is pregnant or took a leave, she may be entitled to more severance than she would otherwise be entitled to because it would generally be more difficult for her to find other work.

Threaten proceedings and then negotiate for more. Employees are owed severance pay when terminated before, during or after their maternity leave.

It is open to them to argue that their personal circumstances entitle them to more. Make this argument with an experienced lawyer — not on your own.

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By Dave Mather and Lisa Pires – Dale Carnegie Business Group

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2) How does my job support the current and/or future business model? How is my performance measured?

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The goal of asking these questions is to stay connected to the person and the organization's purpose, values, and strategic framework. Listen from the perspective of what it's like to be the other person, rather than trying to get them to see your point of view. They will be more interested in your ideas after they sense your genuine interest in them and their commitments.

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Big curves and big biz in GTA

Sexy Bolder You. These three words mean big business for Angela and Karen Samuels.

The words are displayed prominently in Voluptuous, a chain of stores in Toronto that sells trendy fashions in sizes 12 to 20 and is owned and operated by the sisters.

But what sets the four Voluptuous stores apart from other purveyors of plus-size apparel is their unabashed, enthusiastic embrace of fast fashion trends cut for the curvy girl.

The Jamaican-born Samuels sisters started the company 10 years ago with a single store. Today, they compare their four locations (in Dufferin Mall, Scarborough Town Centre, Square One and Vaughan Mills) to super-trendy favourites like Costa Blanca: The clothes are cheap and cheerful, but curvaceous.

"Traditionally, plus-size was not trendy," says Angela, 40, who is a statuesque size 14 and a former plus-size model. "But we want girls in high school to look like their peers. We want women just entering the workforce to look like their co-workers. We want women who want to go to clubs to look like the other girls at the clubs.

"I always felt that being plus-size, you're going to stand out anyway. So if you're going to be seen, I want you to be seen in a nice light."

Her sister Karen, 37, says, "We're just like the skinny girls — we come in pear shapes, hourglass shapes, top heavy or bottom heavy. That's why we like to use the word voluptuous rather than plus-size. This is a woman who is young, vibrant. She is ready to work, ready to party. She is exactly the same."

The sisters say they have tapped into a lucrative niche. Even in the tough economic climate of 2009, the company did over $2 million in sales and they plan to expand.

"Our ultimate goal is to go to Yorkdale," says Angela. They are also preparing to enter the biggest shopping arena: Online sales. They hope to have an e-commerce site — voluptuousclothing.com — up and running by June.

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Krakow finding its niche

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$50
EAT
Szara na Kazimierzu
Explore this great location on Kazimierzu's most historic plaza. It's densely populated by delicious food with all sorts of Scandanavian leanings.
(szarakazimierz.pl)
STAY
Hotel Apis
This excellent three-star hotel which feels a lot more expensive than it actually is. Its locations is handy for finding lots of traditional Polish restaurants too.
(hotelapis.pl)
GO
DYM
DYM is one of the coolest places in town to hang out and have a drink.
There are lots of artists, it bustles with ex-pats and you'll find a bunch general dudes, just sitting around having a smoke and watching the world go by.

DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT
Alef
This fantastically authentic pre-war restaurant certainly looks and feels the part.
Jewish specialities like Tchorba, Carp and Herring dominate the menu.
And there is often live traditional music in evening. Make the night an event.
STAY
Hotel Senacki
Good little three-star-hotel with views of the gorgeous skyline of the Old Town baroque architecture.
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(hotelsenacki.com)
GO
Bike tour
Squash two days of sightseeing (including Oscar Schindler's factory) into a morning by taking to two wheels and making your way around the city.
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DAILY BUDGET
$500
EAT
Ancora
This fabulous Michelin-rated restaurant is making waves in the city with modern twist on Polish classics.
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STAY
Hotel Starry
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GO
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3 World Cup cities to see

Visit the destinations that make South Africa great

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The world's eyes will then turn to South Africa to watch the biggest show on the planet play out. If you're going, here are three cities you must lay your eyes on.

DEAN TREML/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cape Town is one of the World Cup host cities, but there is a host of other reasons to visit it.

1 CAPE TOWN

Known as the Mother City, this cosmopolitan port city grew from a settlement founded by the Dutch East India Company in 1652. Cape Town is famous around the world for its dramatically beautiful setting, beneath Table Mountain and at the confluence of the Atlantic and Indian oceans. It's also near South Africa's winelands.

Nelson Mandela spent most of his 27 years in prison off Cape Town on Robben Island, now a museum accessible by ferry.

2 JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg has two World Cup stadiums, and is within easy driving distance of two other host cities, Pretoria and Rustenburg. Fans should make time for the city's restaurants and contemporary African art galleries, markets for curio lovers, and clubs where you can hear the latest kwaito, sometimes known as South African hip hop.

3 NELSPRUIT

A fruit-farming hub that competes with Durban for balmiest winter weather. Instead of Indian Ocean beaches, Nelspruit has Kruger National Park, South Africa's flagship state park. Kruger accommodations range from luxury lodges with rooms with private plunge pools to sites where you can put up your own tent.

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Namur's demure style

Find the best of Belgium in this little town

PAUL BALDWIN
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The St. Aubin's Cathedral is a must-visit when in Namur.

Belgium certainly has its merits. But there's an overwhelming lovely, friendly feel to Namur which has to be experienced.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and play in Namur.

DAILY BUDGET
$50
EAT

Saint Auban food market

A fabulous market offering local produce from the famous local pate, crunchy fresh breads and delicious baked goods. Enjoy the experience then grab yourself a picnic.

STAY

Formule 1

Absolutely no frills — but the lack of luxury is reflected in the price. Location is good and if you're lucky you'll even get a view of the Meuse. Basically somewhere to sleep. (hotelformule1.com)

GO

The Citadel

The Citadel of Namur has been a European military stronghold since the Middle Ages and was only recently de-commissioned. There are a series of walks offering fabulous views. (citadelle.namur.be)

DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT

La Petite Fugue

This is a stylish restaurant with an almost opulent feel. Menus from $18 (lunch) to $50 (dinner) and a la carte (and fois gras to die for). (lapetitefugue.be)

STAY

Hotel Beauregard

On the banks of the River Meuse the Hotel Beauregard mixes tranquil surroundings with easy access to the city centre. (benotel.com)

GO

Felicien Rops Museum

An homage to a much underrated 19th century Namur artist whose work covers includes sprawling landscapes to touching portraits. Though, most people go to see his surreal nudie paintings. (museerops.be)

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Arcade Fire in Toronto

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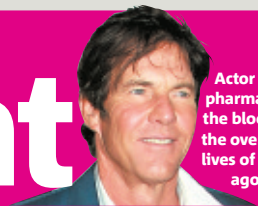

Quaid sues

Actor Dennis Quaid has sued the pharmaceutical company that makes the blood thinner heparin following the overdoses that threatened the lives of his newborn twins three years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Critics claim Hollywood whitewash

MOVIES The hopes of many are resting on the shoulders of 12-year-old Aang.

Ever since he first came out of a block of ice in the Nickelodeon cartoon series Avatar: The Last Airbender, the other tribes in his fictional, Asian-inspired world saw Aang and his power over the elements as their last chance for peace after a century of conflict.

Now Paramount Pictures and director M. Night Shyamalan bring the story to the big screen with The Last Airbender, opening July 2. Yet some fans say whatever hopes they had for the live-action movie have been dashed by what is known as "whitewashing" — the selection of white actors to fill the main hero roles instead of the people of colour.

"To take this incredibly loved children's series, and really distort not only the ethnicity of the individual characters but the message of acceptance and cultural diversity ... is a huge blow," said Michael Le of Racebending.com, a fan site calling for a boycott.

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Jake bulks up for Prince

BRUNO MARTINS
for Metro Canada

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince who must save the destiny of a dagger. If the dagger falls into the wrong hands, it could destroy the world.

To prepare for the shoot Gyllenhaal — who now sports a large chest and biceps after bulking up for the role — spent a lot of time researching and studying the video game that the movie is based on. We talked with him in London.

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time, Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince.

Q This Prince of Persia is such a huge production. Weren't you an indie guy, once upon a time, before becoming Prince Dastan?

A I guess so. But I think I've done a lot of different kind of films, but this is definitely the biggest one.

Q How did it make you feel when you arrived at the set and saw all those massive sets?

A When we were driving to the set, each road where we were driving, there would be 500 cars ... particularly in Morocco ... There were thousands of cars, (it) looked like we were going to a sporting event! Then it took me 40 minutes to suit up in my costume, like I was going to some game. Soon as we walked on the set, it was insane. The big thing was all those details. We could shoot in every corner, we could do stunts with two units (two action sets at the same time), with one 100 feet up in the air.

Q Are you hooked on those big productions now?

A I really liked it. I've just done two movies smaller in size and that was a wonderful thing to do for me after this one, because I did need to feed other aspects of my skill set. It's a kind of drug, when you're jumping over things, fighting people, looking like a bad ass ... it's hard not to want to do it again.

Q How much did you workout for the movie, to improve your body? But did you also play the original video game?

A Yes, and it was a very difficult research process. I had to exercise and play videogames (laughs). I'm not a card carrying gamer, but I definitely love playing video games. As a kid I played the first version of the game ... then I took a 20-year hiatus. When I got the script I was fascinated because the primary resource for this is the video game. I played like I would meet a marine if I was going to be a marine or go to prison if I was going to play someone in jail.

Prince of Persia opens Friday

Q What motivated you to do this movie?

A Doing this movie was like going back to that old version of the boy, the eight years old, playing the game, and who loved Indiana Jones, The Goonies, E.T. To this day, as I see this movie, I go back to being that kid. I made the movie for that part of myself, so I made this movie for all those kids. And that's a new audience for me, that I'm really excited about, because they're so scrutinizing.

Q Were you expecting so much buzz on your buffing up?

A Well ... it wasn't made on vanity. It was on a functionality, to try to make all those stunts. There's been some curious approaches like: "Oh, you did those stunts, cool. But how do you look like that!?" Someone asked me: "How did that make you feel?" I was like: "I pretty much felt the same inside, you know!" (laughs) My strength, inside, the most important, comes from a lot of other different pain.

Q Would you like to direct?

A Yeah. I'm almost 30 so ... it is becoming less presumptuous.

The Send Off, the latest album by P.E.I.-born Rose Cousins, was largely inspired by the last three years, including the traumatic death of her grandmother.

East Coast charm

Cousins sophomore record shows maturity

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Loss and departure are all over Rose Cousins' new record, suitably titled The Send Off, but it's not a melancholy record despite it all.

Recorded three years after her debut record and a product of years of gigging, it's the sort of mature sound that some musicians would despair of achieving.

P.E.I.-born and Halifax resident, Cousins comes out of the furiously productive East Coast music scene, a place where a collegial, supportive atmosphere seems to have trumped the competitive balkanization that reigns elsewhere.

"Not everybody who lives out here is necessarily from here," says Cousins, "but a lot of us are and we mostly grew up in smaller communities, and I think that lends itself to there being more room for everybody and not so much a competition as much as how we can all help each other."

Cousins looked for — and found — the same sort of support when she searched for a producer for The Send Off, settling on Luke Doucet, another Maritimer whose work as a producer has attracted as much attention as his own music. The result is an evocative, airy record full of iridescent textures.

"Luke told me not to be too overprepared so that we'd be open to the process," Cousins recalls. "Each day when we approached the studio I would play a little demo for the musicians and the song would be built that day, in a no-holds-barred wide open kind of deal, and Luke was amazing at driving that process and saying 'let's try this' whether we ended up using it or not. He's brilliant in that sense."

The record's themes were the product of Cousins' life in the three years since her debut album, If You Were For Me. A period that saw the death of her beloved grandmother — a blow that ended up inspiring The Send Off's title track.

"I guess the inevitability of having to let go of things as we get older, the age that I'm at and losing my grandmother and realizing that there's nothing you can do, and you can keep someone in your memory — it applies to so many things."

The years spent on the road also gave Cousins an appreciation for the work a musician needs to do these days, where the record industry's ongoing creative destruction has made so many artists into entrepreneurs as well as performers. That led to a recent trip to Los Angeles, where she looked into the placement of her songs into TV and movie soundtracks — potentially massive exposure that many independent acts have come to rely on.

"When I'm on the road, it's about me, it's about the performance... But when you're trying to get your music placed in TV and film it's a different relationship, it's like you have to present the song as the product. I don't have to worry about the entertainment part as much as selling the song."

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Fey youngest winner of Mark Twain Prize

The woman known for her impression of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live will win the nation's top humour prize this year from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Tina Fey joins the ranks of Bill Cosby, Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin and others who have won the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the centre announced yesterday. Fey will be the youngest honoree, having just turned 40.

"I am truly thrilled to receive this honour," Fey said in a written statement. "I assume Betty White was disqualified for steroid use."

Fey returned to SNL earlier this month when the 88-year-old White drew rave reviews as host of the sketch comedy show.

Some of the biggest names in comedy will honour Fey when the prize is awarded Nov. 9 in Washington. The show will be taped for television broadcast later.

Tina Fey: "Truly thrilled."

Fey got her start with Chicago's The Second City improv group and became the first woman to be head writer on SNL during nine seasons as a cast member and co-anchor of Weekend Update.

Those years set her apart and changed the show, said Mark Krantz, an executive producer of the Mark Twain prize.

"It's that job as a head writer on a show that's been a traditionally male-oriented show," he said, adding that Fey's work "kind of broke the ceiling for many, many women in comedy, let alone that particular show."

She created NBC's Emmy-winning comedy series 30 Rock, in which she stars with Alec Baldwin. Fey also has made several hit movies, including her screenplay Mean Girls and the 2008 film Baby Mama with her SNL buddy Amy Poehler. Her film Date Night, with Steve Carell, is playing in theatres.

Fey is currently working on her first book, a humorous memoir due out next year. She lives in New York with her husband, Jeff Richmond, and their daughter.

This isn't the first recognition of her work. Fey was voted The Associated Press' Entertainer of the Year in 2008 by newspaper editors and broadcasters across the country after her Palin impression during the presidential campaign.

Palin, of course, was the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

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Lost ends, but the mystery continues

Can we all agree that Jack Shephard is dead? That he died in a bamboo grove on the lost island, gravely injured after saving it, his eye seen in closeup shutting as the series' final shot?

There may not be much more that viewers will agree on after Sunday's gargantuan, challenging conclusion to Lost.

For six seasons, the ABC mystical thriller has kept its audience guessing and arguing as well as entertained. But after the much-awaited finale, criticism and debate went into hyperdrive.

"One word. just amazing. the circle of life. wow. just wow," cheered franciSpace among a flurry of Twitter postings Monday morning.

On the other hand, tomuky declared, "Thank goodness its over. A show with a million plot lines in a losing attempt to appear as an intelligent show."

On YouTube, viewers rushed to upload their video responses to the episode.

One Lost fan, her face lit in an eerie blue glow, wept and choked out remarks such as "Lost is my life" and "I don't understand why it had to end" for nearly five minutes.

"Lost is my life ... I don't understand why it had to end."
Tearful Lost fan on YouTube

The last series finale to fuel such fierce anticipation and spark such after-the-fact dispute was, of course, The Sopranos, in 2007.

Did Tony die in the restaurant a nanosecond after the final blackout, or did he carry on his mobster life with nothing changed? Sopranos fans still disagree.

The two-and-one-half-hour special drew an average audience of 13.5 million viewers, beating NBC's Celebrity Apprentice finale by 4.2 million viewers, according to the Nielsen Co. The two-hour retrospective that preceded the Lost finale drew an audience of 9.8 million viewers.

But mysteries continued to plague much of that audience Monday in the Lost hangover.

Sure, Jack was dead. But what about the other castaways? What was the state of their mortality, both on the island and in the so-called sideways universe that showed their parallel existence elsewhere, mostly in Los Angeles?

"Both stories seem to be part of their limbo, part of their purgatory," said Chris Seay, author of The Gospel According to Lost.

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Lynch to host awards show

Jane Lynch of Glee will cheer on exceptional young activists as part of VH1's Do Something Awards. Lynch plays a surly cheerleading coach on the hit musical show on Fox. She will host the July 19 event being held in Los Angeles and airing live on VH1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bush gives preview of upcoming book

George W. Bush said yesterday that his upcoming book begins with an anecdote about his wife convincing him to give up drinking.

Bush said Decision Points, due for release in November, opens with Laura Bush pushing the former president to decide whether he preferred drinking to fatherhood, and him questioning whether he loved booze more than his wife.

He said he realized he had an addictive personality and quit drinking cold turkey.

That act set him on the path to the presidency, Bush said in his address to a wind energy convention in downtown Dallas.

George W. Bush

Bush said the book is less autobiography and more an analysis of key decisions in his life, both before and after he was elected president.

Topics will include the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the troop surge in Iraq, his responses to terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina and the financial meltdown.

"I don't think you can come to a definitive conclusion about a presidency until the passage of time," Bush said. "I want to put you in my position."

Bush, who left office in January 2009 and moved with his wife to Dallas, appeared relaxed and in good humour throughout the speech.

The 63-year-old riffed on retirement, joking that his domestic agenda now consists of taking out the trash and doing the dishes.

He also joked about the comedown of post-presidential life, saying he realized how different his life was when he was walking his dog Barney through his new neighbourhood.

"There I was," Bush said. "Former president of the United States, with a plastic bag in my hand, picking up what I had been dodging for eight solid years."

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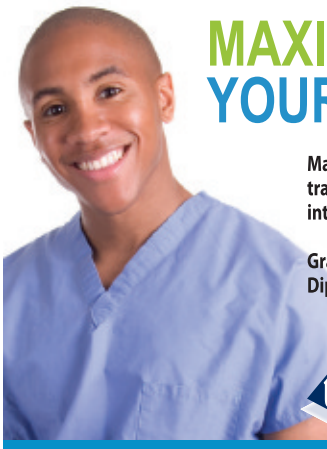

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A Twilight sneak peek

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Take a trip to the Jersey Shore

Over here is the bar where Snooki was decked by a sucker-punch to the face.

Around the corner is the house with the most famous garage door in America, painted in the colours of the Italian flag with a map of New Jersey superimposed over it. Up top is the deck where Ronnie and Sammi fought when he said she had a "Flintstones toe," and a few blocks away is the nightclub where Snooki did so many backflips that her underpants got nearly as much camera time as her face.

The Jersey shore has always been a top vacation destination. But this year, the "Jersey Shore" Jersey shore has become a destination in its own right, as fans of the MTV reality series descend on the Garden State to experience the same sights, sounds and smells as The Situation, Sammi Sweetheart, Pauly D and the rest of the cast.

Dawn Sitler drove from Fort Hood, Tex., to Seaside Heights to pose for a photo in front of the garage door featured in each episode of the show.

"It's where we want to come back to and party," said the 42-year-old former New Jersey resident. "I partied hard when I was younger. Watching them reminds me of the younger days 20 years ago. This is a good place to come to have fun."

Not everyone loves Jersey Shore. Italian-American groups say it perpetuates negative stereotypes of Italians, and gives the region a bad image — even though only one of the cast members, Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola, is actually from New Jersey.

But love it or hate it, the show has created a buzz that put Seaside Heights on the worldwide map. With a name like Maria Maruca, the head of the borough's tourism office could be a cast member. She thought it was freakin' awesome when the show fist-pumped nearly $3 million US into the local economy during its first season last year.

"I'm pumpin' my fist, got my pouf on and everything," she said. "This is national publicity you can't even put a dollar amount on. There's an even bigger buzz this year."

Some quick indications: Beach badge sales are up significantly this year. Several new businesses opened on or near the boardwalk in the area of the Jersey Shore beach house, explicitly to capitalize on the expected crush of show workers and gawkers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The language of the Jersey Shore

- **GTL:** Gym-tan-laundry. Mike (The Situation) Sorrentino's prescription for a perfect daily regimen at the Jersey shore.
- **Pouf:** A gravity-defying female hairstyle in which hair is piled high atop the head and teased more than a middle schooler with acne.
- **Blowout:** A spiked male haircut with more gel than cold gefilte fish.
- **Guido, Guidette:** Cast members' terms for people like themselves, intended as a compliment to good-looking, well-tanned people who like to dress flashy and have a good time. Italian-American groups, however, say the term is an insult.

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Inspired by animation

Jeunet's whimsical Micmacs owes a lot to Toy Story

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Few filmmakers working today offer audiences a vision as unique, bizarre, and oddly touching as Jean-Pierre Jeunet.

The visually expressive director began his career as a cartoonist before transitioning into movies with works like the cult oddity Delicatessen and the whimsical award-winning Amelie.

The latest movie from the eccentric French filmmaker is Micmacs, a comedy about a band of garbage dump dwelling outsiders that is both an homage to silent film comedy and animation as well as an attack on international arms dealing. That description might make the film sound dark and strange, which it is, but like all of Jeunet's movies it's also quite sweet and hilarious.

Metro caught up with the beloved filmmaker when he brought Micmacs to TIFF 09. The film is the product of a distinctly French sensibility (even starring France's top comedic actor, Dany Boon), but surprisingly, Jeunet admitted that the movie originated out of the frustration he felt working on two failed American projects.

Micmacs, from director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, moves from dark to light-hearted.

Micmacs opens on Friday

"After A Very Long Engagement I was offered a Harry Potter movie," revealed Jeunet. "But everything was ready. The costumes and cast were already there. All I had to do was to put down the camera and say 'go.' Life is too short for that, so I tried to do Yann Martel's Life Of Pi instead. I spent two years working on it, but after a while it became too expensive. I decided to do another film."

The screenplay was also inspired by a rather surprising source.

"My main reference on this film was Pixar movies," admitted the director. "I love their work and I had the great privilege of taking a master class with them in San Francisco. For example, the heroes in Micmacs are based on the toys from Toy Story. There are seven characters and each has their own special gift that they combine to use together."

The result is one of the best films that Jean-Pierre Jeunet has ever made, combining the gently sentimental comedy of his most recent work with the dark atmosphere of the his early films.

"It wasn't easy to do, especially when we needed something at the beginning that was pretty dark to justify the revenge," said Jeunet.

"But that's how I designed it. It starts very dark and then little by little it becomes a comedy. That was on purpose. It was a kind of challenge I set for myself." Fortunately for audiences, it was a challenge that clearly paid off.

Jean-Pierre Jeunet is best known as the director of Amelie.

TO 5/26/10

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primetime	265	353	2	TVO	The Secret Life of Primates		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		London Hospital		Dolce Vita Africana		Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	*Live Free or Die Hard* ★★★ (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long. Premiere.						News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Office	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)		Vivere V		Omni News:		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)						CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		*Murder 19C: Detective Murdoch Mysteries -- Tom*				Modern Family	Better Off Ted	News
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Access H.	American Idol The winner is revealed.				(10:07) CSI: NY (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Bailey's Billions* (2005, Comedy) Dean Cain, Laurie Holden.				*Birthday Girl* ★★ (2001, Comedy-Drama) Nicole Kidman.				News at 11 (N)
	-	-	14	-	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	213	326	15	SUN	Old Christine	The Insider (N)	*Amos & Andrew* ★★ (1993, Comedy) Nicolas Cage.				The Insider	Dream Car	Becker
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Access H.	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Minute to Win It				Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	*Transformers* ★★★ (2007, Action) (HDTV) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. Premiere.						News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	*Transformers* ★★★ (2007, Action) (HDTV) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. Premiere.						A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	American Idol The winner is revealed.				Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	PBS NewsHour	Wait for God	Secrets of the Dead (HDTV)		Ground War "Firepower"		Ground War (HDTV) (N)		Business Rpt.
	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		PIX News at Ten (N)		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N)	What's-Store	Frasier	Frasier	The Office
	298	653	332	TLA	The Tyra Show (N)		According-Jim	Family Guy	KTLA News	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Top Model
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	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report (N)		How Much-Dead Body?		American Greed		Porn: Business of Pleasure		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)		Hockey Central
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	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
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	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*You Belong to Me* (2008, Suspense) Shannon Elizabeth.				Secret Diary	Pure Pwnage	Law-Order
	620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Files	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		In Laws	In Laws	End/Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Nostradamus Effect		Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)		Hitler's Stealth Fighter		Dive Detect
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Lucky Louie	Hot Box	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	For Rent	Agent-Agent	Property Shop	Property Virgin	Unsellables	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes/Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	*1408* ★★★ (2007, Horror) John Cusack.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Law & Order
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Tiny & Toya	Tiny & Toya	*I Do... I Do!* (2009, Comedy) Cherie Johnson, April Scott.				Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Human Target (HDTV)		Human Target (HDTV)		Zombiemania
	581	566	52	MTV	The City	After	Cribs	Hired	The Hills	The City	The City	After	MTV Live
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	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Waybuloo	Toopy & Binoo	Franklin	Dino	Little Bear	Toopy & Binoo	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case "The Letter"		Missing "Resurrection"		Medium		Cold Case "The Letter"		Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	*Big Fan*	(7:25) *Elopement* (2010, Drama)			*Quantum of Solace* ★★ (2008, Action) Daniel Craig.				*Haunting-Molly*
	305	612	306	PIX	(7:10) *Owning Mahowny* ★★★ (2003, Drama)				*Prince of Darkness* ★★ (1987, Horror)			(10:45) *Formula 51*	
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		I Could Do	I Could Do	Deadliest Catch		Mayday "Fire Fight"		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	America's Next Top Model		FashionTele	RAW	FT Found Footage		Pretty Wicked		Best Dressed

critics'corner

Quantum of Solace
A sequel to "Casino Royale" that picks up shortly after the previous film ended, Daniel Craig's second round as James Bond is largely a straight-ahead action machine that puts Agent 007 on the trail of the organization behind his true love's death. He encounters an ecology-minded villain (Mathieu Amalric), a woman (Olga Kurylenko) with her own score to settle and an untested field agent (Gemma Arterton). 7:50 AM on M1

Live Free or Die Hard
More than a decade after he'd last played the part, Bruce Willis returned as never-say-die hero John McClane in this well-paced third sequel. The New York cop is escorting a computer geek (Justin Long, who's also played one in popular commercials) when a master villain (Timothy Olyphant, "Deadwood") targets the U.S. for a power and technology blackout on the Fourth of July. Mary Elizabeth Winstead ("Final Destination 3") plays McClane's daughter. 8 PM on GTV

Hogan back to court

Hulk Hogan is going back to court, this time to sue Post Foods over a Cocoa Pebbles commercial he claims appropriated his image without permission, according to Tampa Bay Online. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Back-to-life Brit

BRITNEY BACK TO THE FUTURE Britney Spears is reportedly keen on the idea of being cryogenically frozen after she dies so that she can be brought back to life later, according to the Sun.

"Brit gets these obsessions and this is the latest," a source says. "It started when someone told her Walt Disney had been preserved by cryogenics to be revived in the future. Brit found the whole thing so interesting she spent most of her Mother's Day trip to Disneyland researching the subject on the Internet while a nanny took the boys round the park."

Spears is so intent on cheating death that she's reportedly invested in a firm specializing in cryogenics.

"She looked into having her ashes turned into diamonds after she is gone but settled on the chance of getting to live in the future," the source adds.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rip Torn charge dismissed

ONE CHARGE DROPPED, ANOTHER TO GO A Connecticut judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program.

Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his Subaru. Bantam Superior Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their records. But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: Charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returned to court yesterday in that case.

Torn won an Emmy for The Larry Sanders Show. Screen credits include the Men in Black movies.

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Today, **DEMI LOVATO** wants to clear some things up, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is a proud older sister, **SARAH SILVERMAN** is going for the hard sell and **BRITNEY SPEARS** can't pick a favourite.

@ddlovato There are so many crazy rumors flying around today. I'd like to clear a few things up. First, Joe and I did split but it wasn't over the phone. Things didn't work out but we'll remain friends. Secondly, I am NOT dating anybody already.

@lindsaylohan congratulations to my brother graduating top of his class! he's so brilliant & im SO proud of him!! yay Mikey! @dinamlohan raised us well!

@SarahKSilverman I swear to god I'm going to murder my dog if more people don't buy my book right now.

@britneyspears I like New York, but I also LOVE London! Thats a tough one because there are so many cities I love.

Cyrus gets racy: Critics

I'M A BIG GIRL NOW! Miley Cyrus is bristling at the criticism she's received for dabbling in racier imagery with her new album and videos.

"No one ever wants to see someone grow up," she complains, according to Wonderwall. "It's like when Hilary Duff started growing up off the Disney Channel. Everyone thought she was anorexic and she did this and that. It's just because she grew up!"

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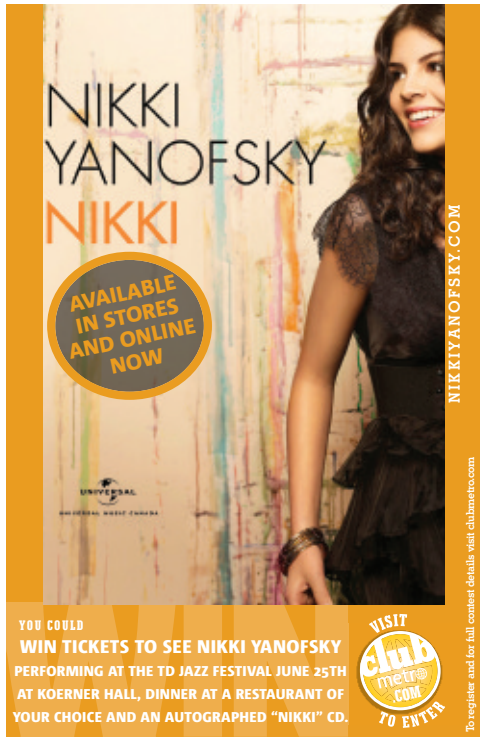

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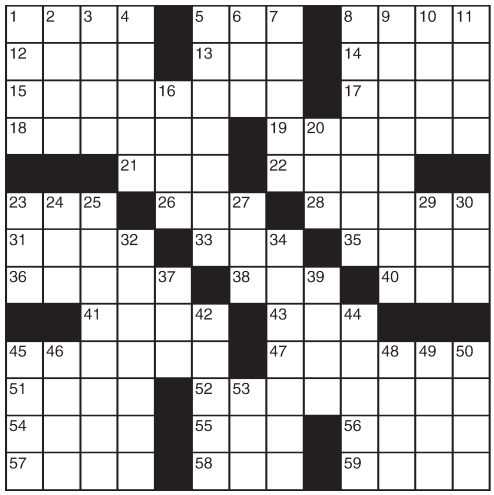

ACROSS

1 Commanded
5 Au — (menu phrase)
8 Christmas song
12 Old Italian money
13 Where "Lost" is found
14 Farm measure
15 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
17 Color quality
18 Bionic human
19 One portion of the laundry
21 Ultramodernist
22 Jeans-maker Strauss
23 From — Z
26 Yoko of music
28 From Cardiff, e.g.
31 Slugger Sammy
33 Pouch
35 Speak unclearly
36 City in Japan
38 Took off
40 Chances, for short
41 Protracted
43 Sleuth, slangily
45 First game of the season
47 Authoritative order
51 Ms. Moore
52 "Not necessarily"
54 Sportscaster Andrews
55 Kids' card game
56 Whistle sound
57 Urban pall
58 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett
59 Hamburg's river

DOWN

1 Group of allied countries
2 Ethereal
3 Colorless
4 Shirley of "Goldfinger"
5 Shop-talk vocabularies
6 Where (Lat.)
7 Villainous look
8 Indigenes
9 Southwestern candlewood
10 Sea eagle
11 Dregs
16 Sandwich treat
20 Chop
23 Inquire
24 Plaything
25 Melody used for Elvis' "It's Now or Never"
27 Rowing need
29 Dine
30 Day fractions (Abbr.)
32 Expiating
34 — seat (advantageous situation)
37 Indivisible
39 Require
42 Gets bigger
44 Skydiver's device
45 Praiseful poetry
46 Hair salon request
48 Carbon compound
49 Uppity one
50 Carry
53 Dinner for Dobbin

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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4	5	8	1	9	6	7	3	2
1	2	3	5	8	7	4	9	6
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9	6	7	8	4	5	1	2	3
3	1	4	2	7	9	8	6	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Turnip Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

4 turnips, peeled and cubed
1 cup water
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup sugar
3 tbsp butter
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD:

1. Place turnips in large pot and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15 minutes or until tender and drain.

2. Transfer turnips to bowl and mash. Add egg, sugar, butter and salt; mix well. Transfer to greased 1-L baking dish; sprinkle with cinnamon.

3. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 20-25 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F/71°C and turnip mixture is heated through.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Ignore those who say you should be on the move. By all means sit quietly and give your brain and body a rest.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You no longer seem to think of money and property and possessions in quite the same way you did before. They are useful, certainly, but useful for what?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do what you do best. Reach for your highest potential. Rarely have you been the focus of so much positive power, but it is up to you to make use of it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The coming week will have its ups and downs but overall you will make significant progress.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun in Gemini over the next few weeks will coincide with a phase when you enjoy total self-belief. It doesn't matter if the world is against you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is one of the most important times of the year for you. If you want recognition you are about to get it. Just make sure you get it for the right reasons.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your horizons are expanding in all directions. Ideas that never interested you before will suddenly be of the utmost importance.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will be asking yourself some rather deep questions today and the answers you get won't always be easy to handle.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
The world is not out to get you and if you think it is you need to change. Try to think of life as being neutral — neither for you or against you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be none too pleased when something unexpected comes along to disturb your well organized lifestyle today. Perhaps it's time to get moving.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be extremely busy this week, but try not to do things for the sake of it. All your activities must have a purpose. They must all have a goal.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times but is that really such a big deal? You don't have to be like everyone else.

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Kia's new Customer Friendly Pricing includes Delivery and Destination fees and all mandatory government levies.
Prices do not include dealer administration fees (up to $699), licensing, PPSA, or applicable taxes.

5 Year Warranty — WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
*5-YEAR/100,000 KM WORRY-FREE COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTY
*5-YEAR/100,000 KM POWERTRAIN WARRANTY
*5-YEAR/100,000 KM EXTRA CARE ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE
*NO DEDUCTIBLE CHARGE

KIA MEMBER REWARDS

$500 Grad Rebate

KIA mobility PROGRAM

Habitat for Humanity Habitat pour l'humanité Canada

CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

**0% purchase financing available on all 2010 Kia models for 48 months on approved credit (OAC). Cash back amount varies by model and trim. ***90 Day Don't Pay" (90 day payment deferral) applies to purchase financing offers on all new 2010 Kia models. No interest will accrue during the first 60 days of the finance contract. After this period interest starts to accrue and the purchaser will repay principal and interest monthly over the term of the contract. †Purchase price for 2010 Rio (RO542A)/2010 Rondo (RN751A)/2010 Forte (FO540A) is $11,559/$18,754/$15,559 and includes a cash rebate of $3,700/$3,000/$1,800 based on the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price. Delivery and destination fee ($1,445/$1,650/$1,445), OMVIC fee, Environmental Fee, Excise Tax and Air Tax (where applicable) included. All offers exclude licensing, registration, insurance, PPSA, applicable taxes and variable dealer administration fees (up to $699). ‡Highway/city fuel consumption for 2010 Rio EX (RO542A) is 5.8 L (49 MPG)/7.1 L (40 MPG); 2010 Forte EX (FO540A) is 5.8 L/(49 MPG)/8.5 L (34 MPG); 2010 Rondo (RN751A) is 7.5L / (28 MPG) / 10.6L / (40 MPG). The actual fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the Government of Canada publication EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide. +The 2010 Kia Forte was awarded Car of the Year by NADAguides.com. To learn more please visit www.NADAguides.com. Green Score for the 2010 Kia Rio based on specification within its segment. Refer to GreenerCars.org for full details. NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) test results. Visit www.safercar.gov for full details. The Bluetooth® word mark and logo are registered trademarks and are owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. Some vehicles advertised may include optional accessories or after-sale equipment and may not be exactly as shown. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of print. Offer ends May 31, 2010. KIA is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.